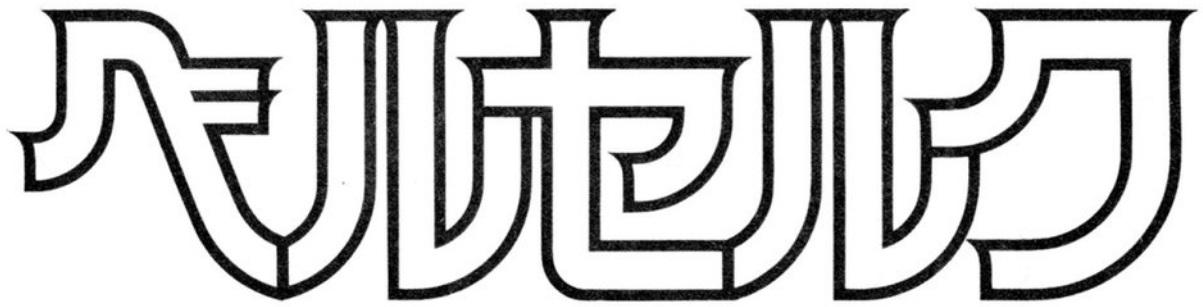


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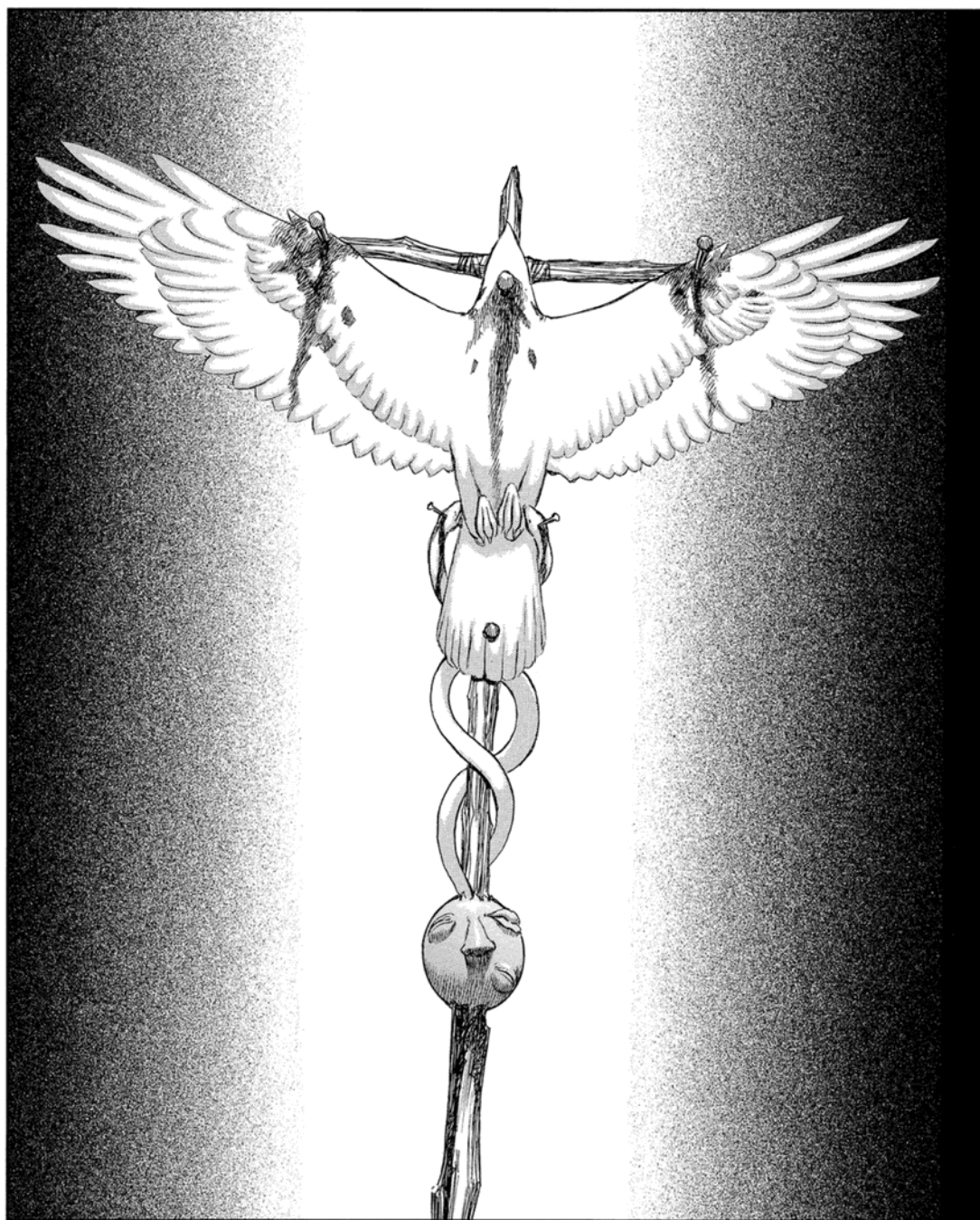
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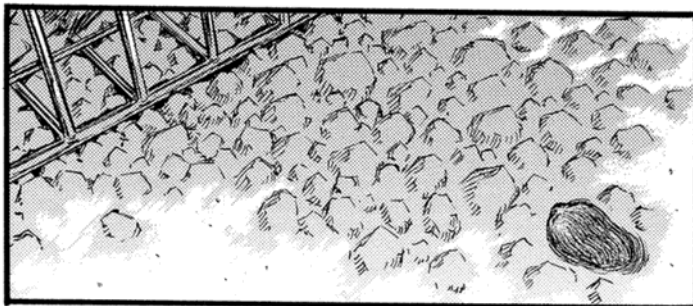
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*FX: WOOOOOO



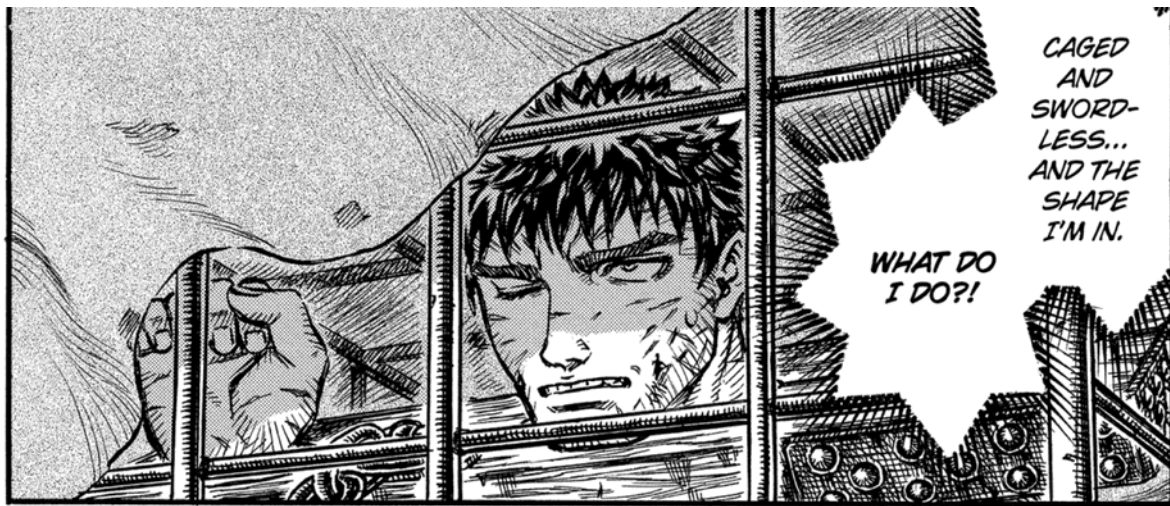
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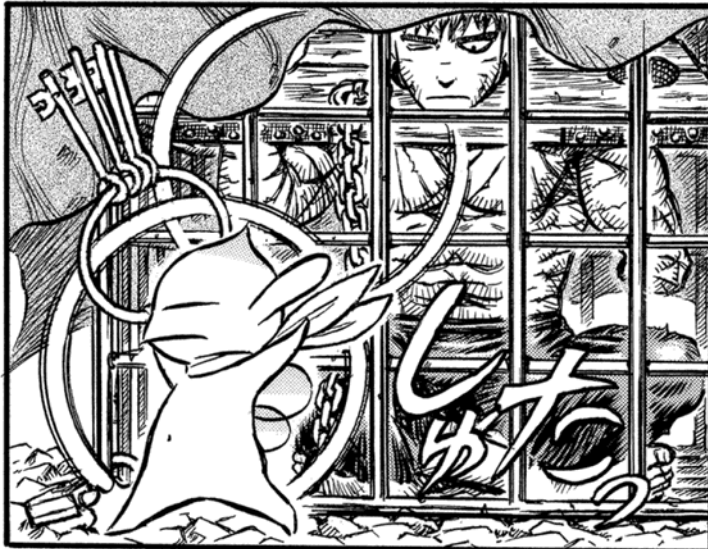
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AND
SWORD-
LESS...
AND THE
SHAPE
I'M IN.

WHAT DO
I DO?!

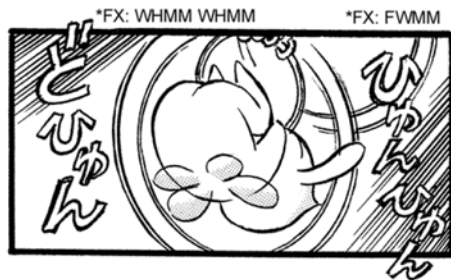


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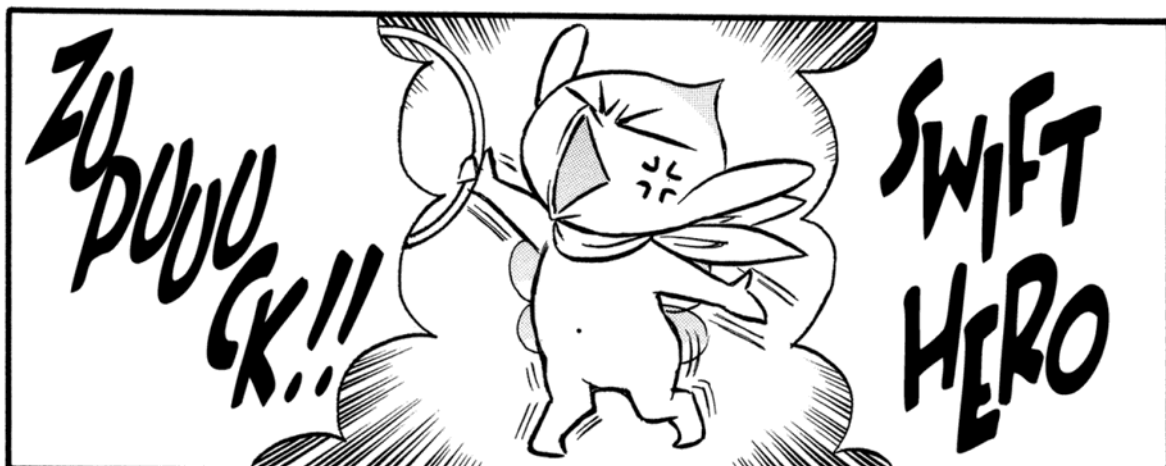
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SOLVED,
"ZUPA!"

HERE
I AM,
"ZUPA!"



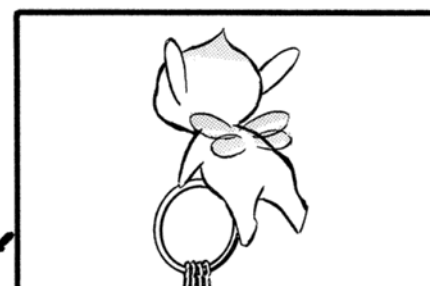
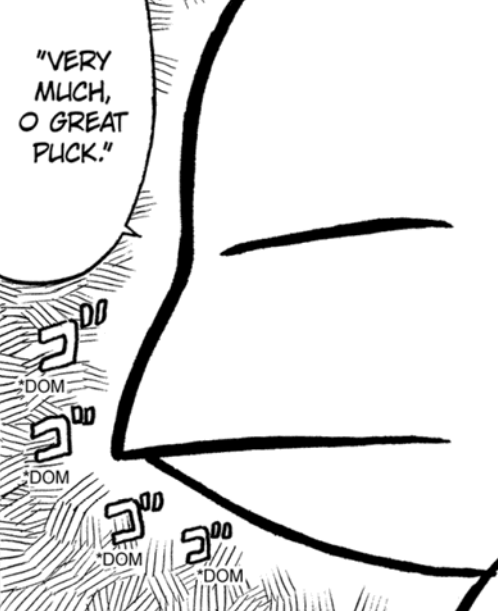
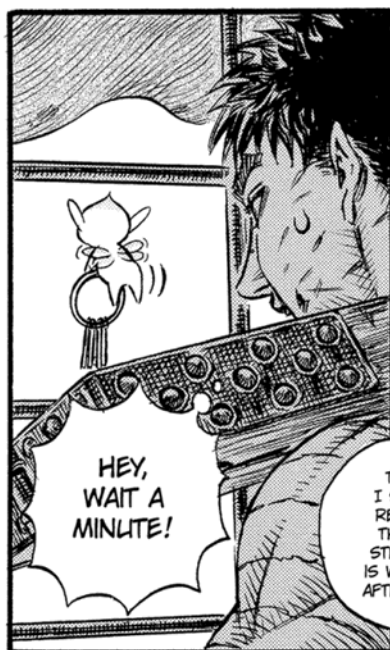
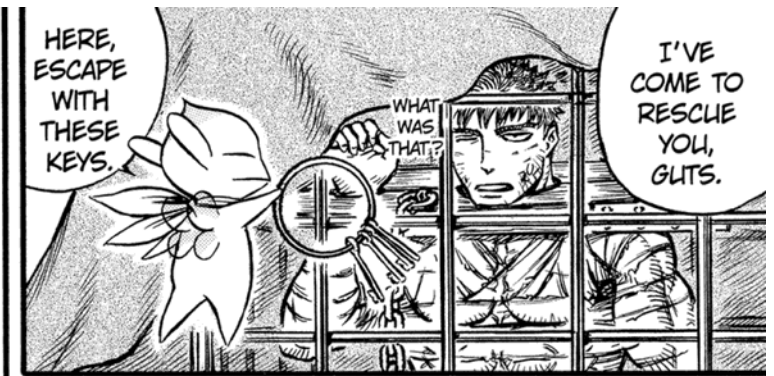
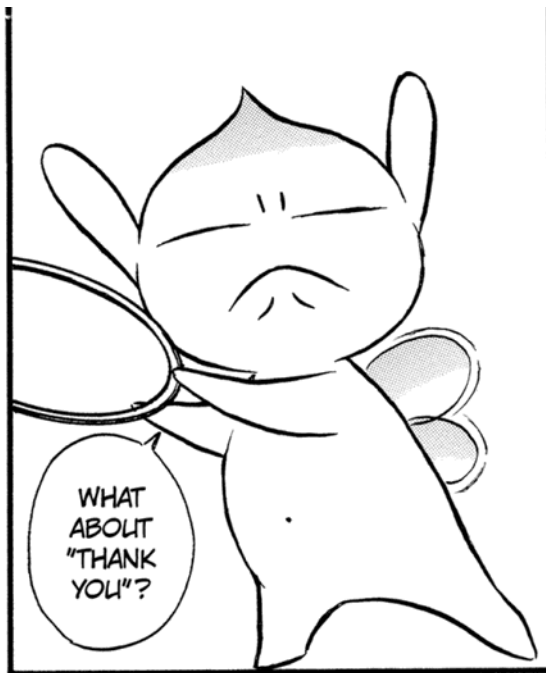
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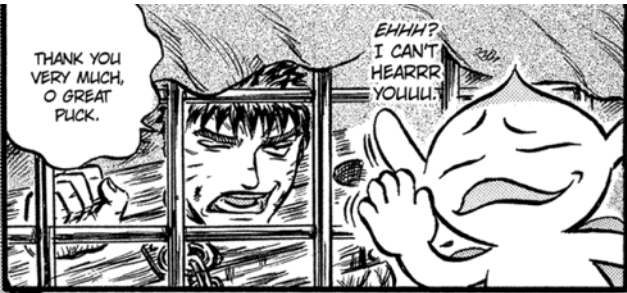
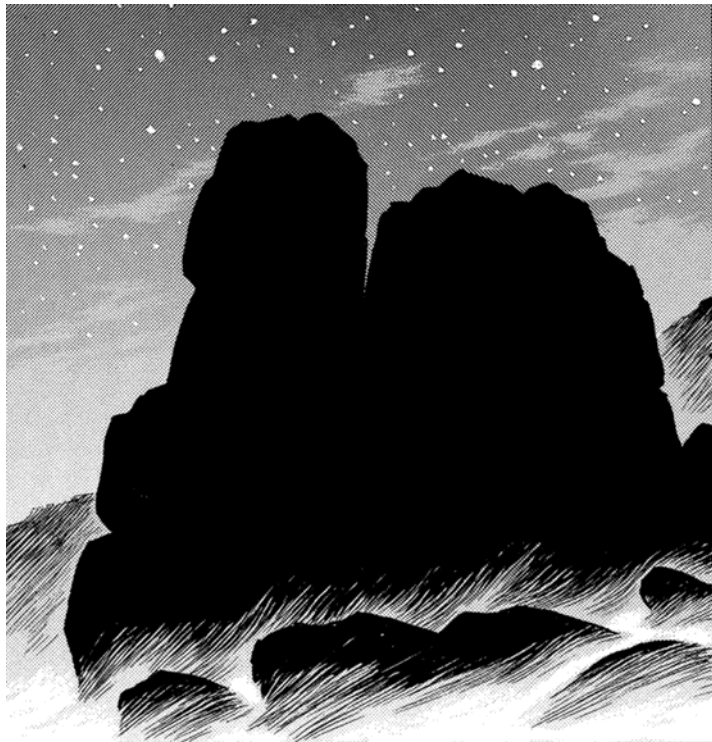
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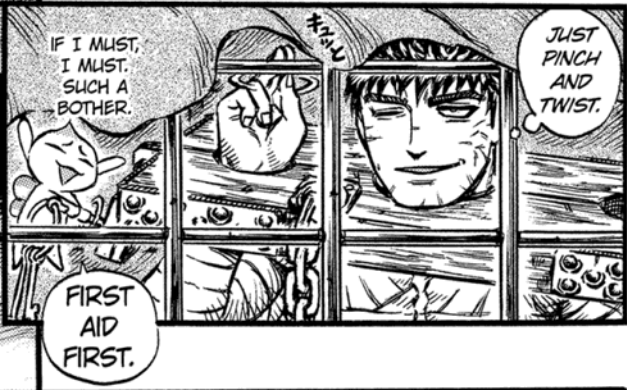
HE'S STILL
AROUND...

OH
YEAH.

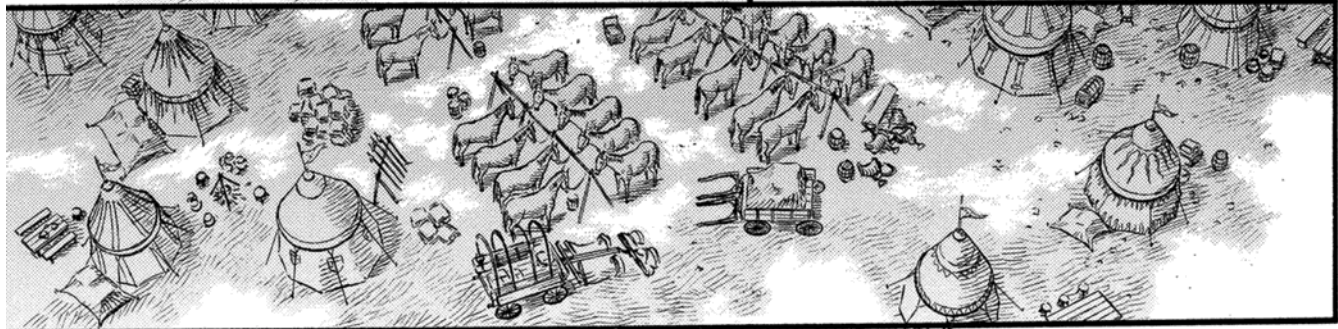




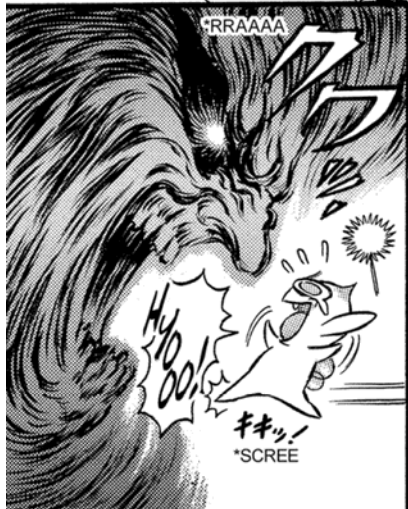
*FX: WRING



FIRST AID FIRST.



*FX: VMM VMM VMM VMM



*FX: ZHAAAA ZHAAAA ZHAAA





BUT ALL MY WEAP-ONS ARE IN THAT BITCH'S TENT.

ANYWAY, GOT TO GET MY GEAR BACK. THAT'S MY ONLY OUTFIT.



FORGET ABOUT IT. THE NIGHT-TIMERS ARE A LOT DIFFERENT FROM THE DAY-TIMERS.

WHY DIDN'CHA TELL ME?!



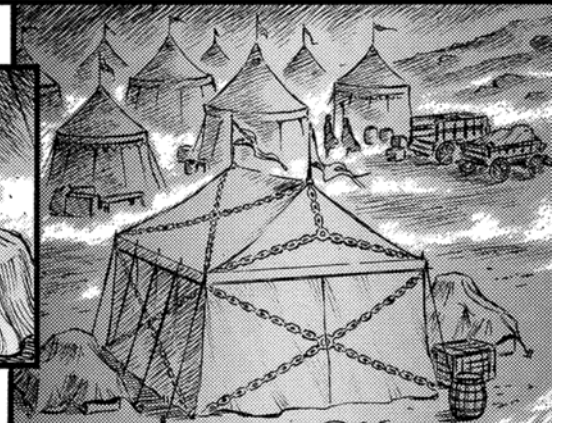
IF I DON'T HURRY, I'LL LOSE ANY CHANCE TO GET AWAY.

WHAT TO DO?

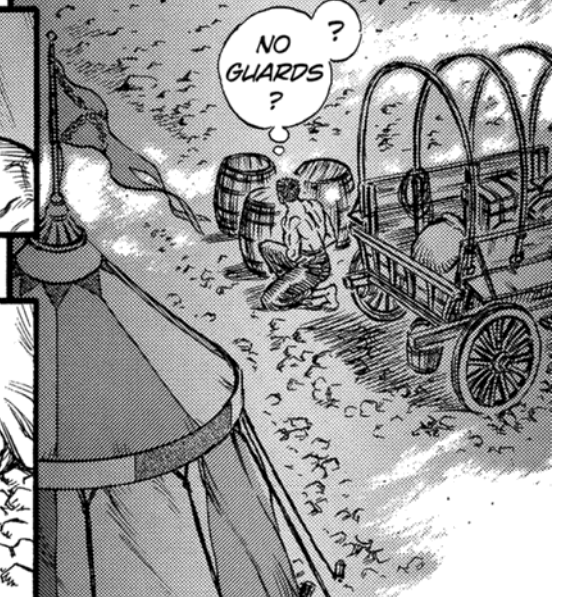
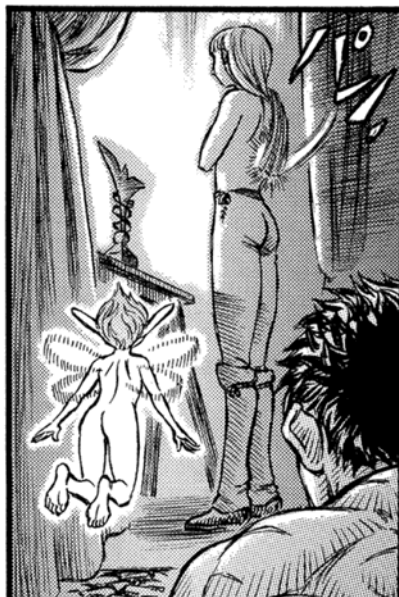


I KNEW IT... HE'S GETTIN' TOO USED TO THIS.

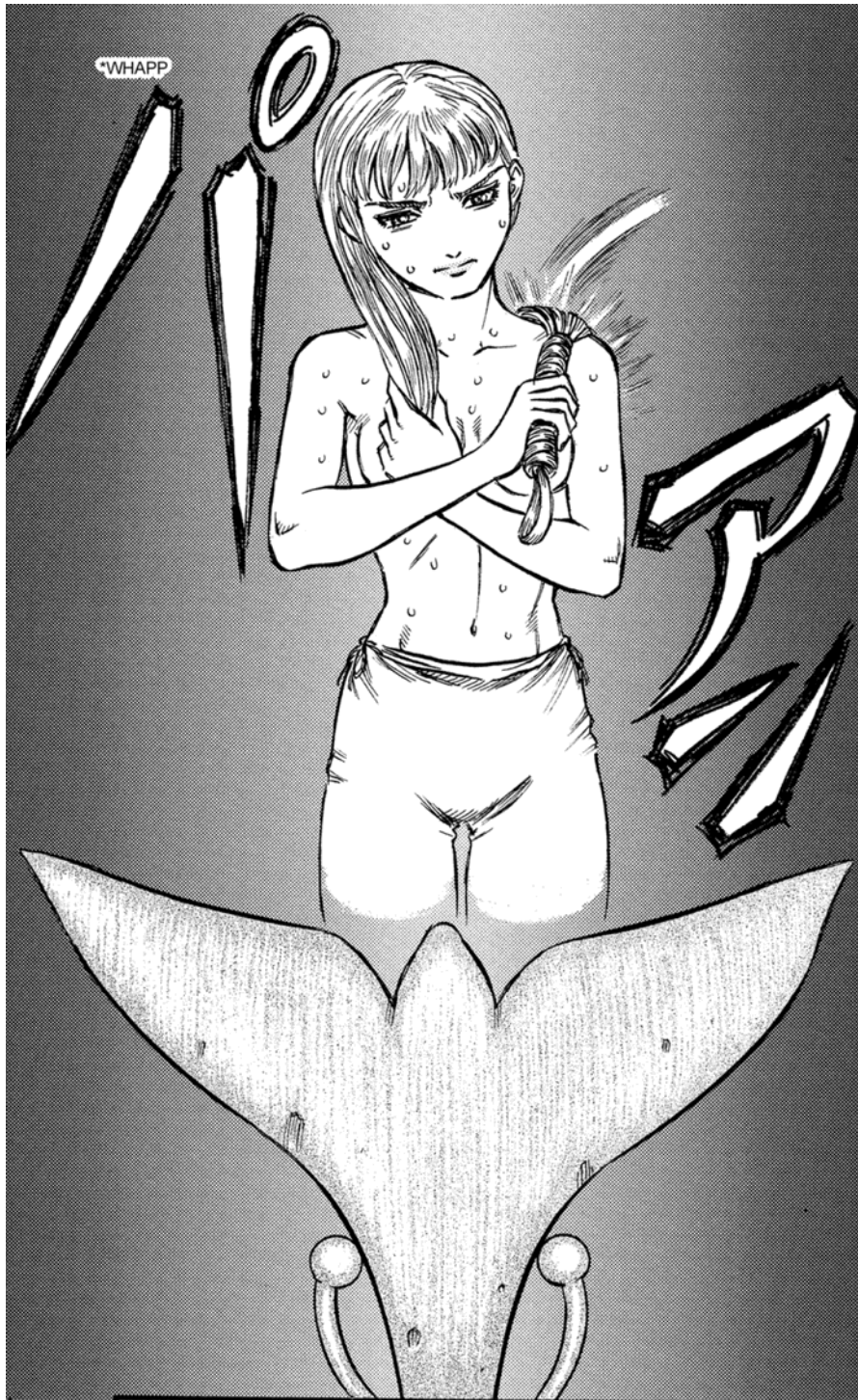
PERFECT. I'LL TAKE HER HOSTAGE IF I GOTTA.



*FX: WHAP



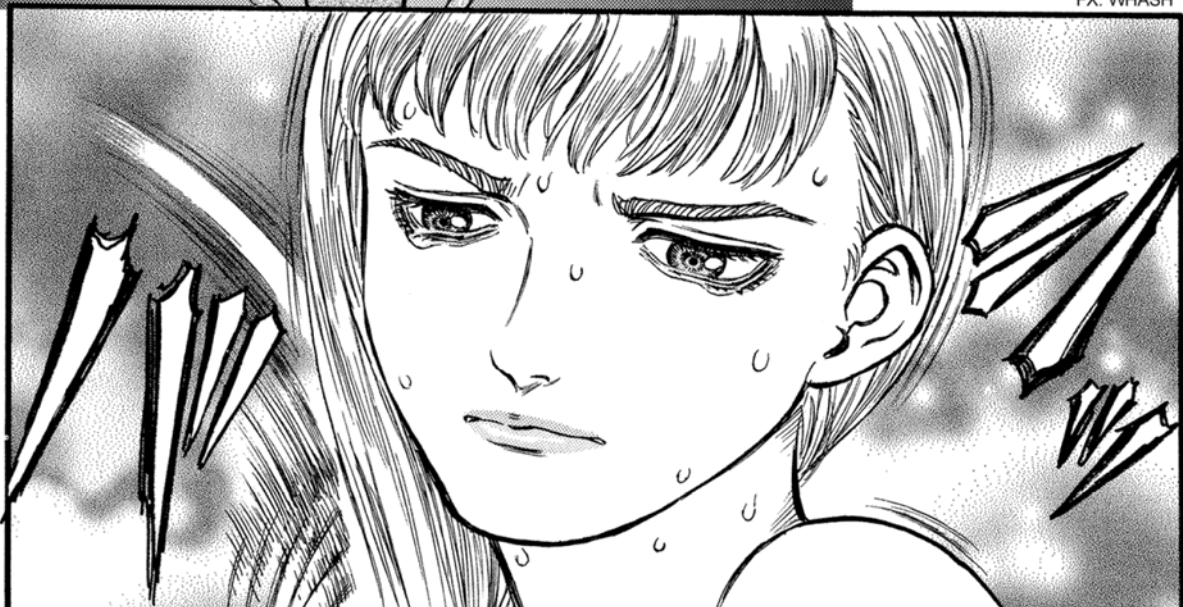
NO GUARDS?



*FX: BSSH

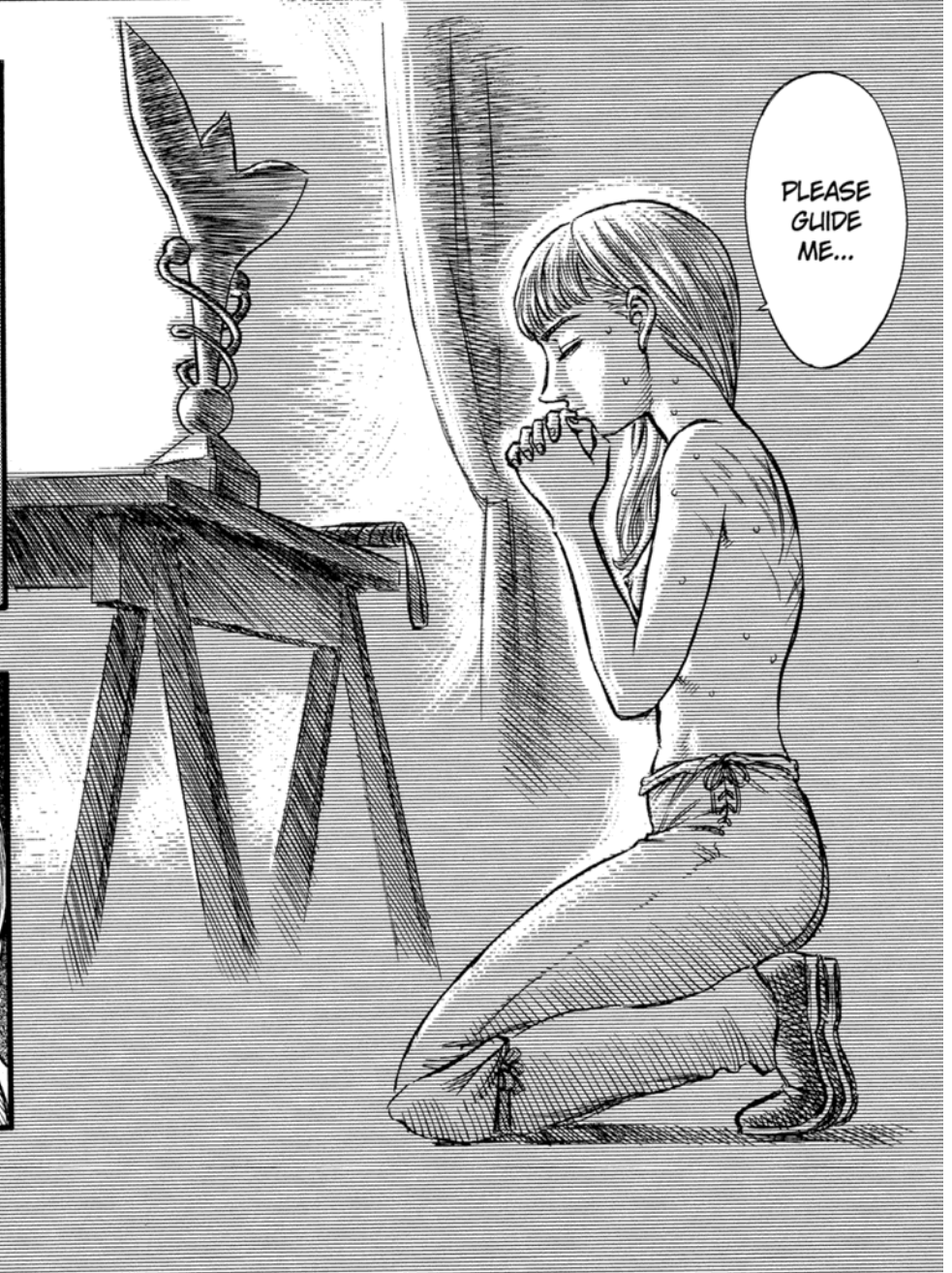
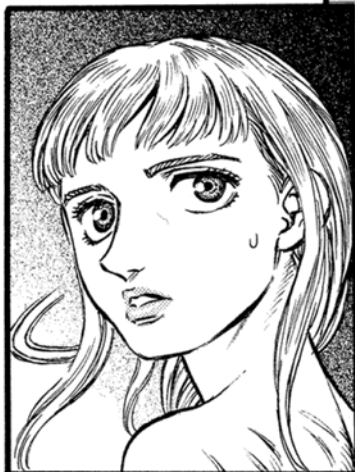
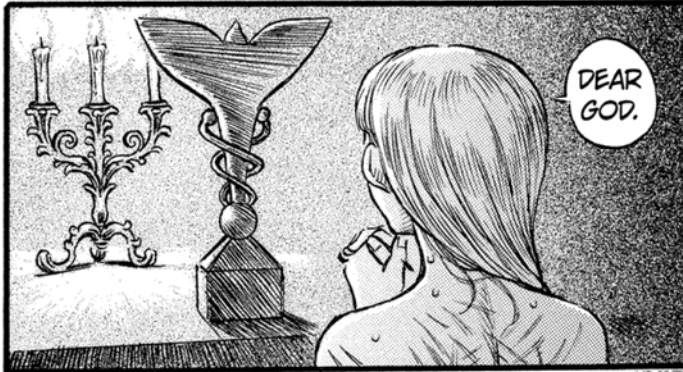


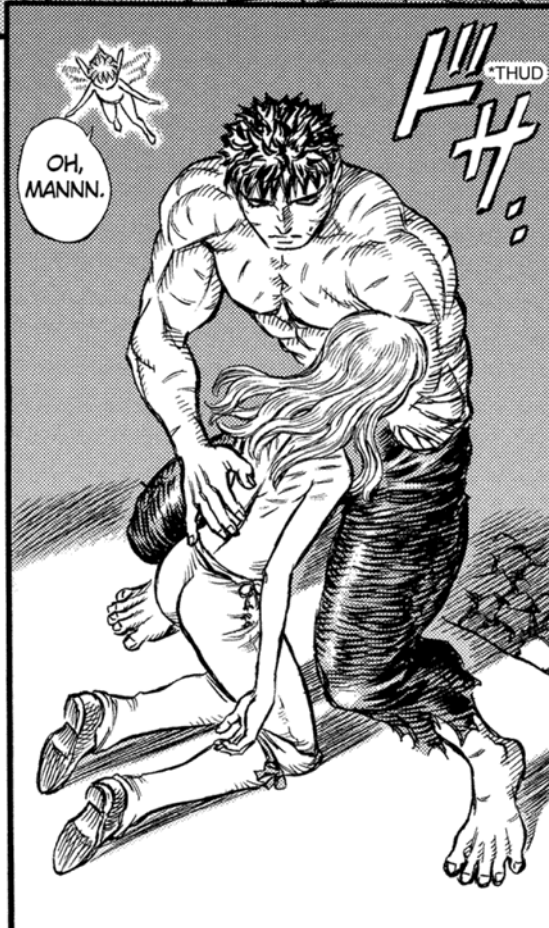
*FX: WHASH

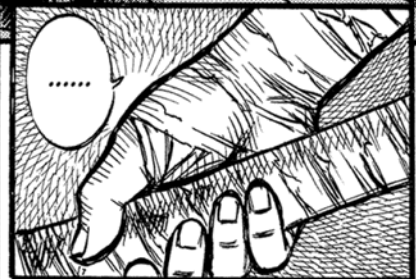
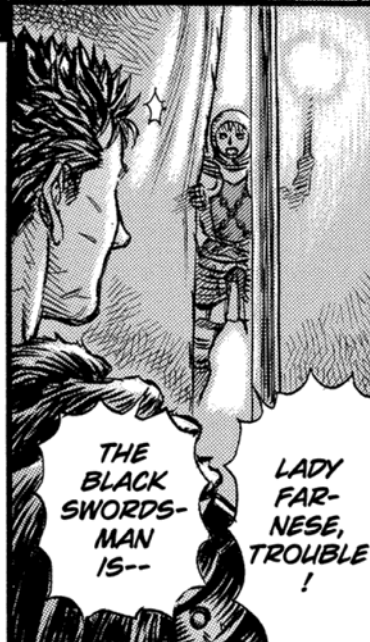
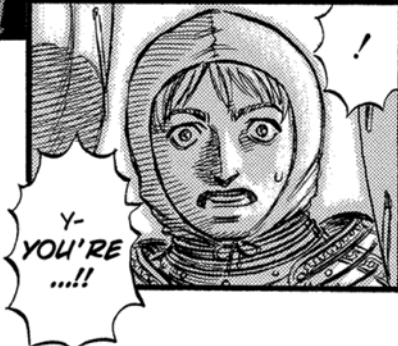
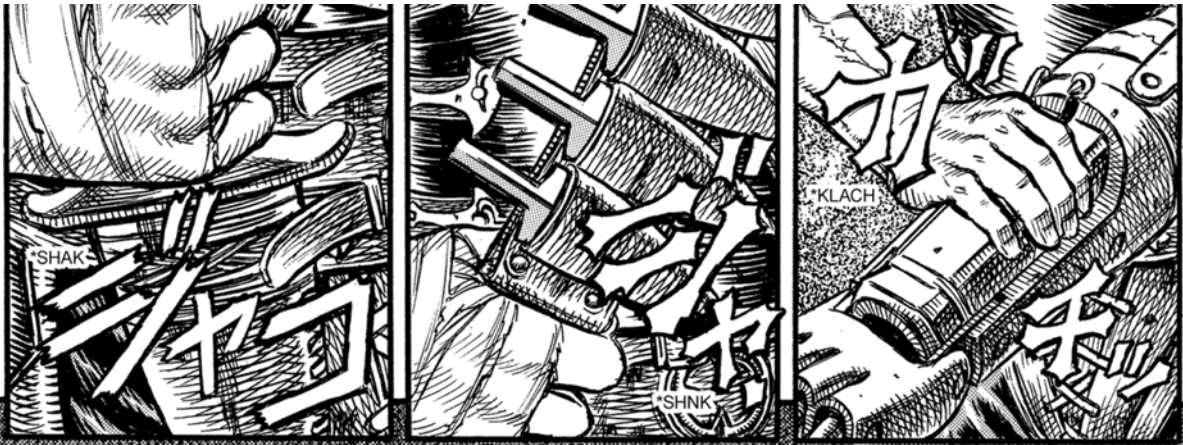


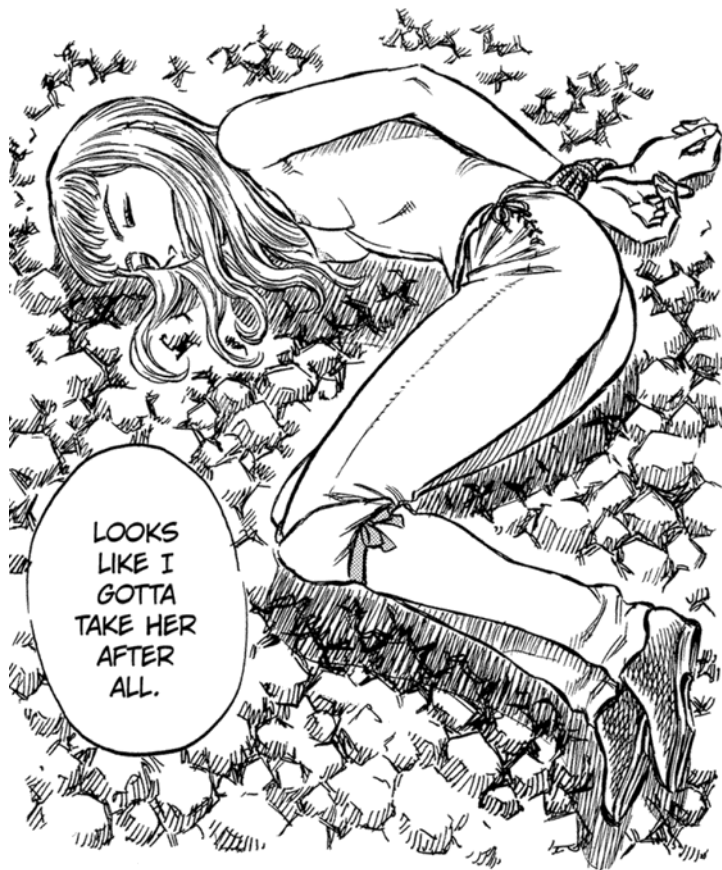


*FX: WHAPP





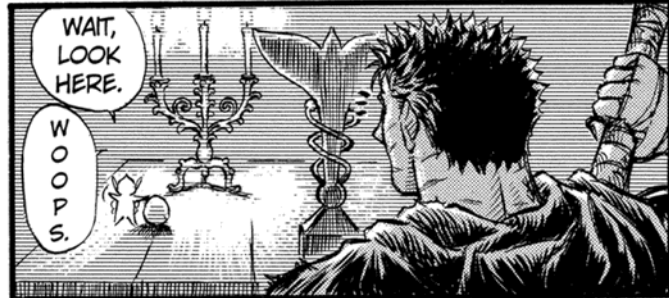
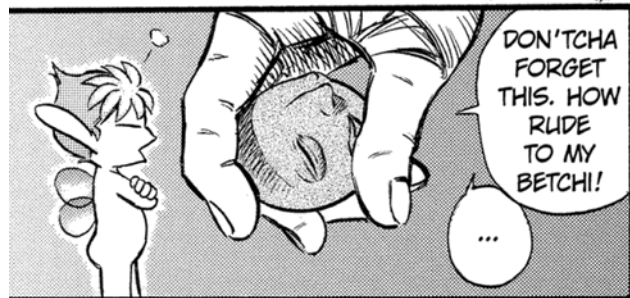




*FX: GAGONG

*FX: WAAAAAA

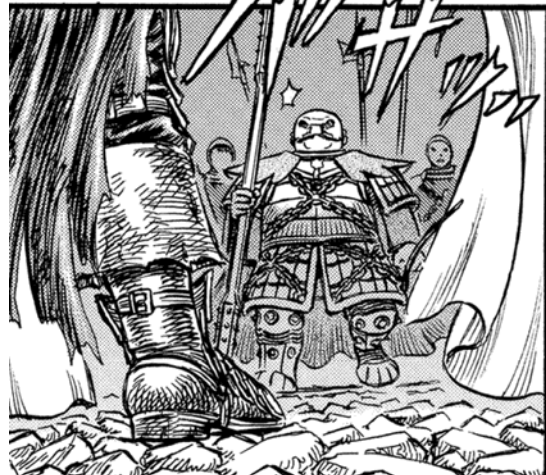
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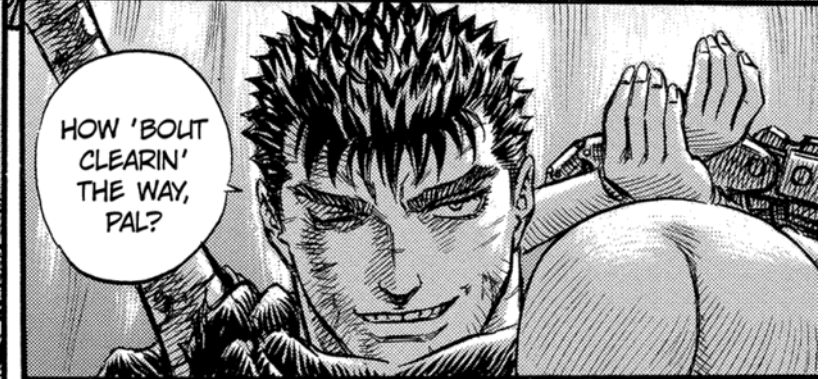
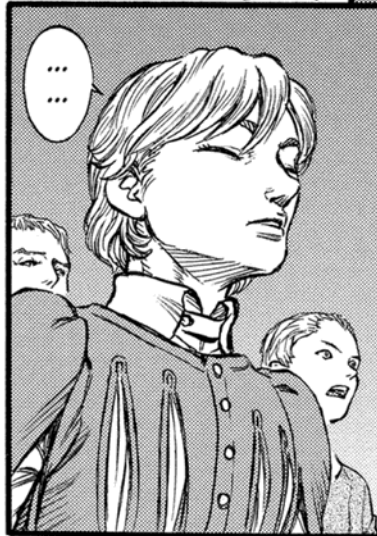


*FX: WUFF



*FX: FLAPP



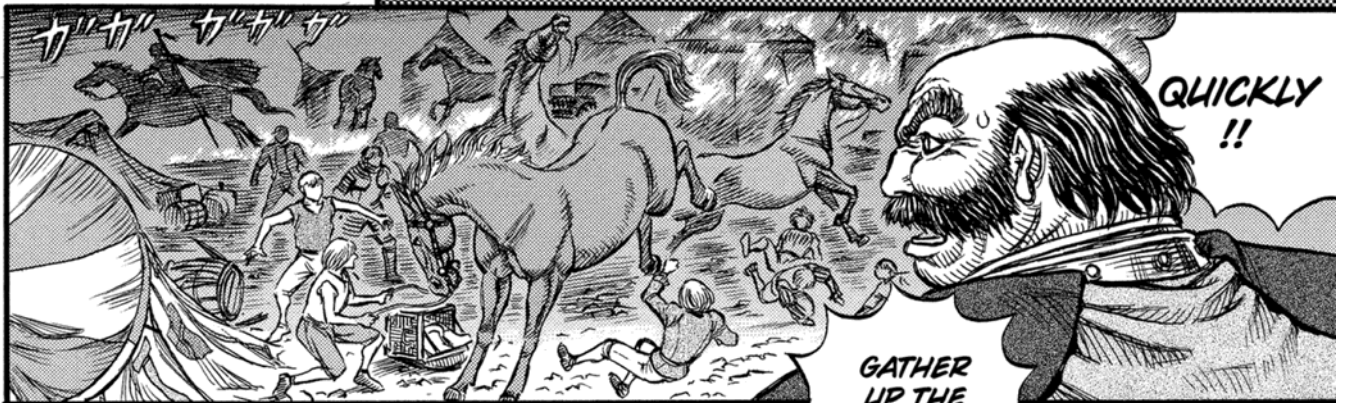




DON'T SWEAT IT!
HOW COULD YOU?!

WAHH
WAHH
WAHH

*FX: BDADUMP BDADUMP

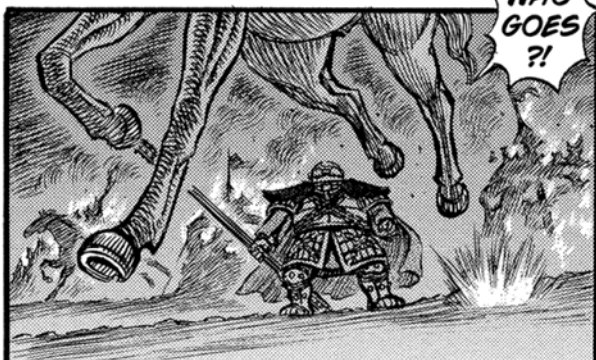


QUICKLY !!

GATHER UP THE HORSES!!



*FX: BDADUMP

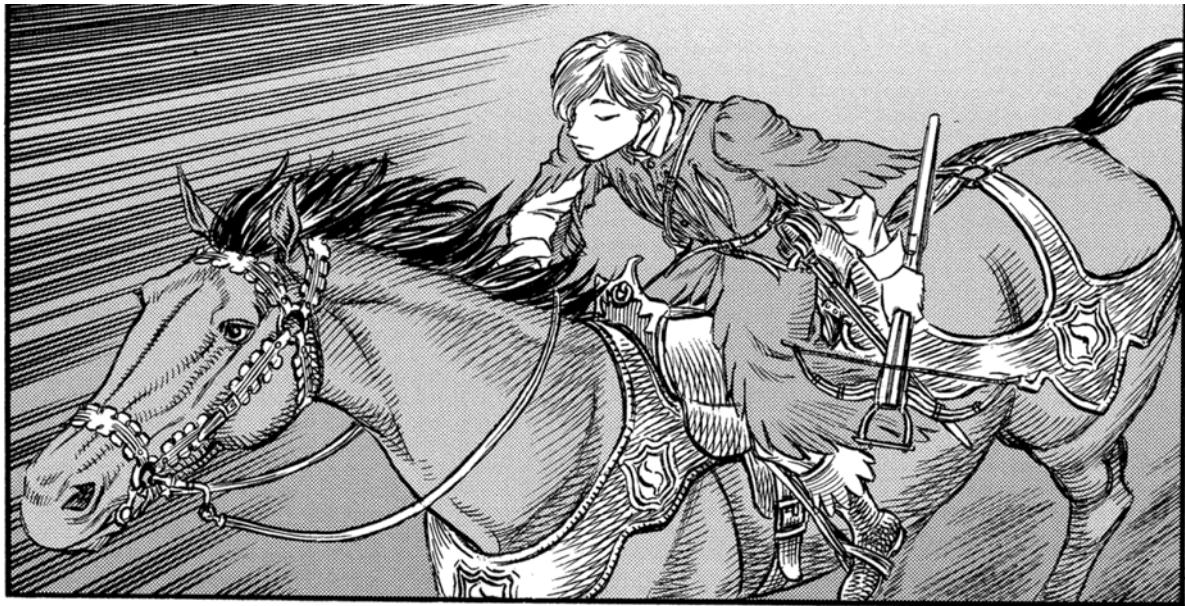


WHO GOES ?!



A COLLOSAL BLUNDER FOR ME!!

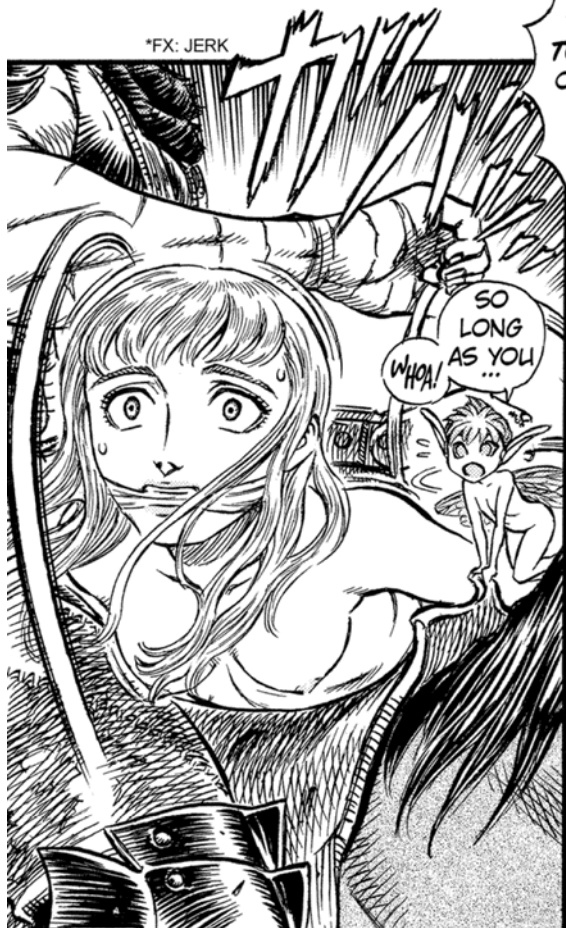
WE CANNOT LET HIM ESCAPE THIS WAY!!



*FX: BDADUMP BDADUMP BDADUMP



*FX: JERK



THIS TIME YOU'VE GONE
TOO FAR! SETTIN' HORSES
ON FIRE! WHO DO YOU
HAVE TO THANK
FOR HAVIN' RUN
THIS FAR?!



*FX: SMEK SMEK



I
SWEAR.

AYOOMP!

YOU
AREN'T
HUMAN.

THEN
APOLOGIZE
TO THE
HORSE!



SORRY,
HORSE.

...
...



DON'T STRUGGLE! IF YOU FALL ON THESE ROCKS WITH YOUR HANDS AND FEET BOUND, YOU'RE DEAD.

HNNNN!



KH ...!

OH, I'M PUCK.



DON'T WORRY, WE'RE NOT GONNA EAT'CHA OR NOTHIN'.



YO.

SHOE'S ON THE OTHER FOOT NOW.

IF YOU THINK YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH... WITH TREATING ME, THE LEADER OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS, LIKE THIS....!!



LET ME OFF, YOU BASTARD !!



THERE'RE THINGS I NEED TO ASK YOU.

SORRY, BUT YOU'RE WITH ME FOR A BIT.

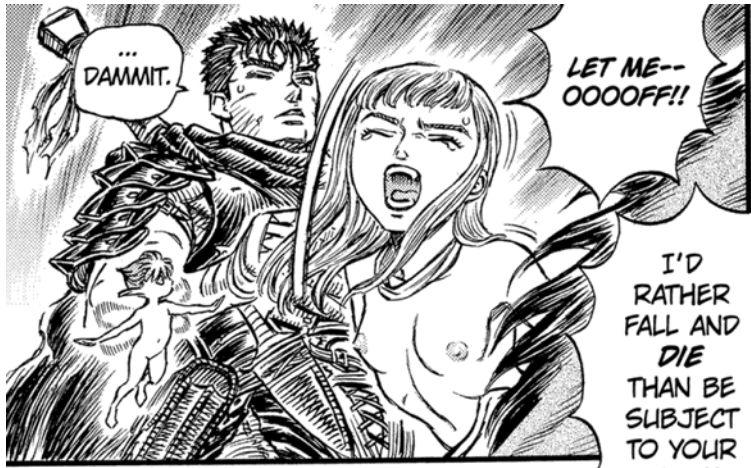


IF YOU KEEP YAPPIN', I'LL HAVE TO KNOCK YOU OUT AGAIN.

SHUT UP.

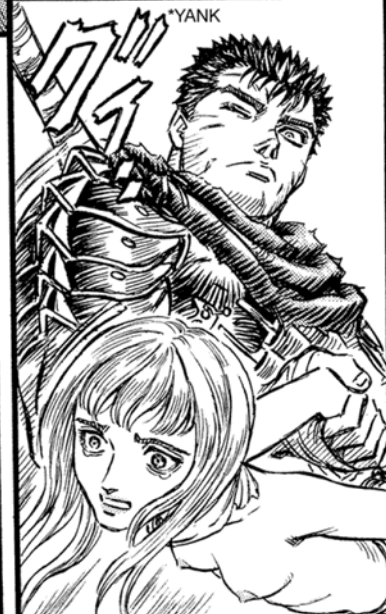
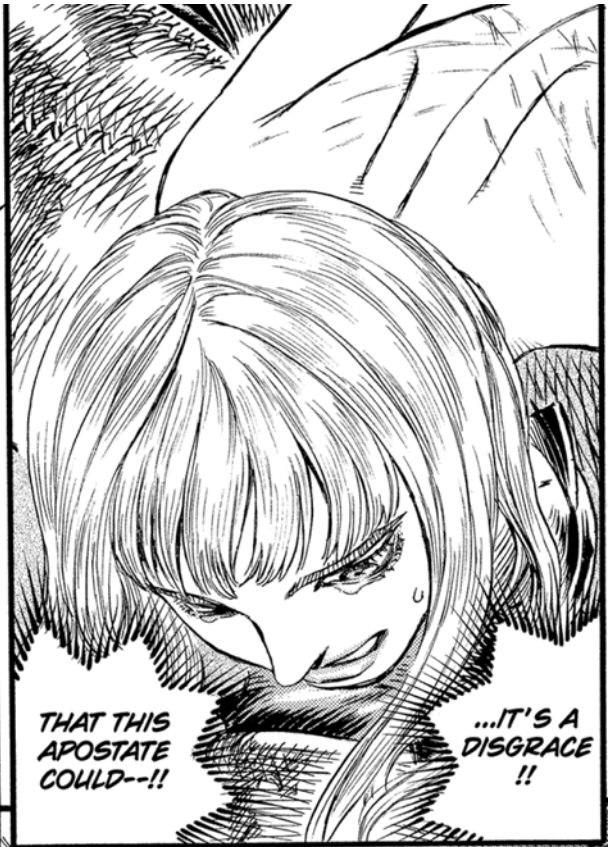
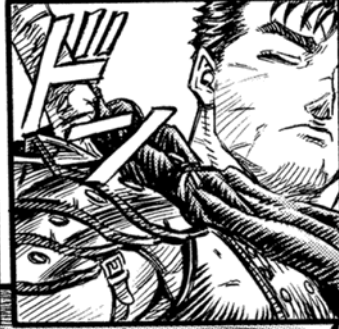
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HEY.
BOK

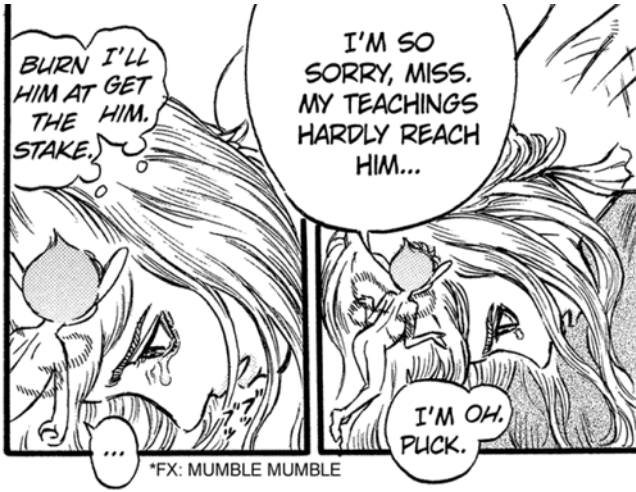
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*FX: WHSHH

*FX: WHMP

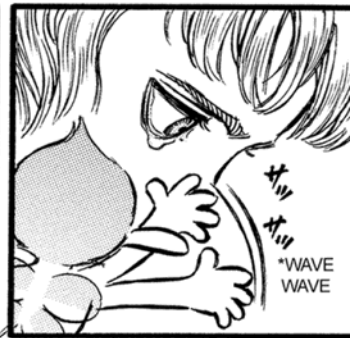




*FX: MUMBLE MUMBLE

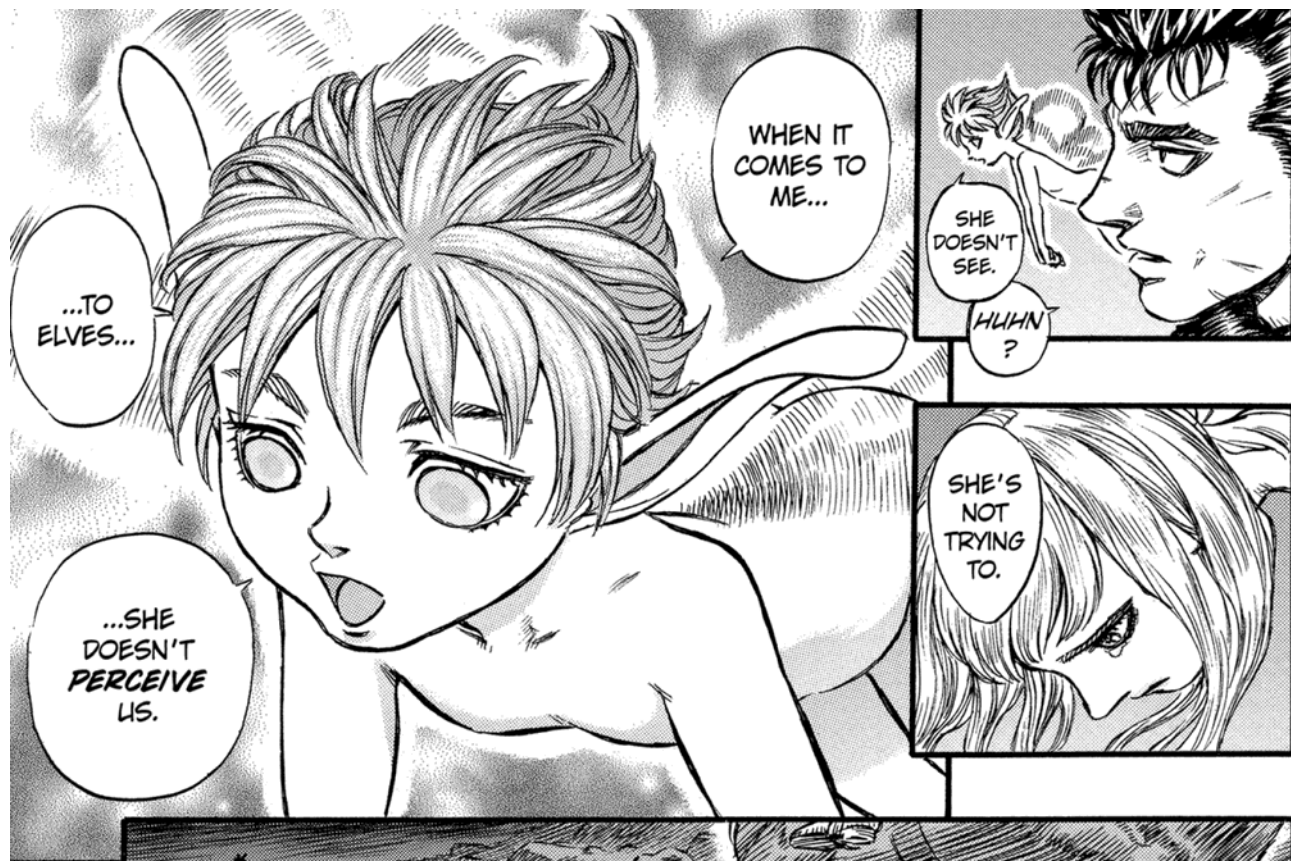


*FX: FLAIL FLAIL FLAIL



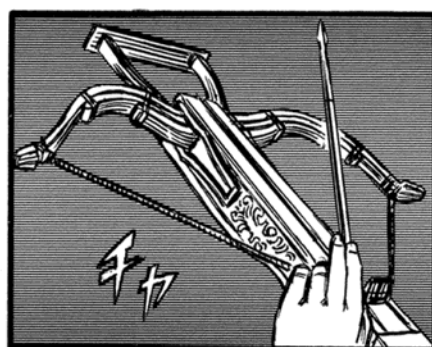
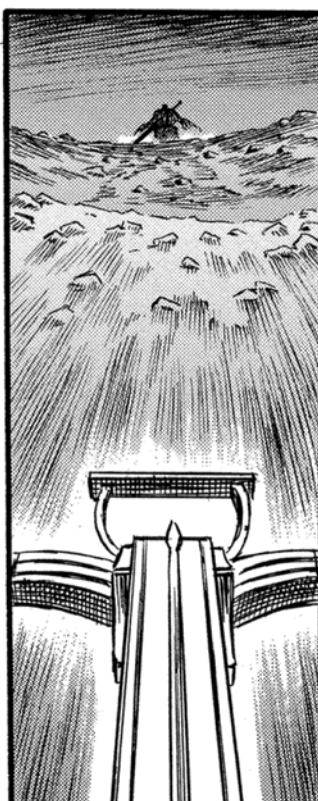
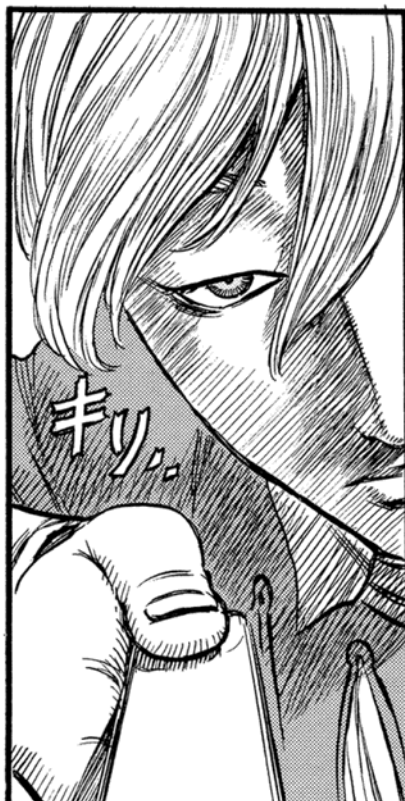
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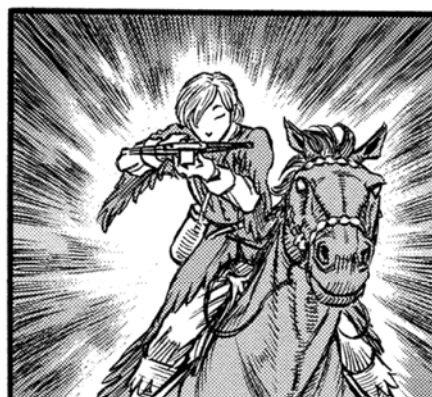


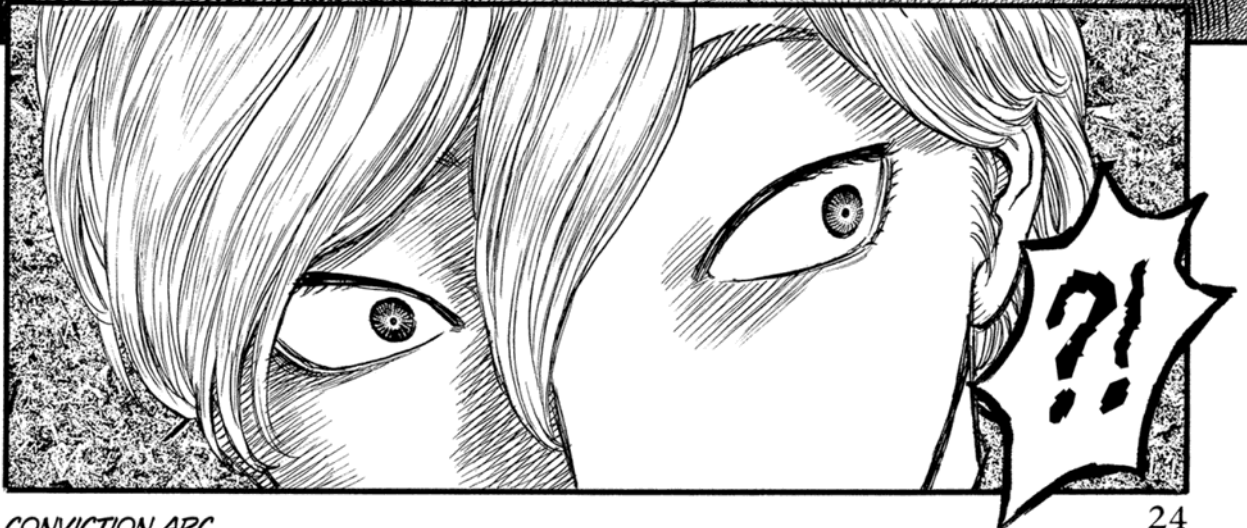
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*FX: KRKK



*FX: CHAK

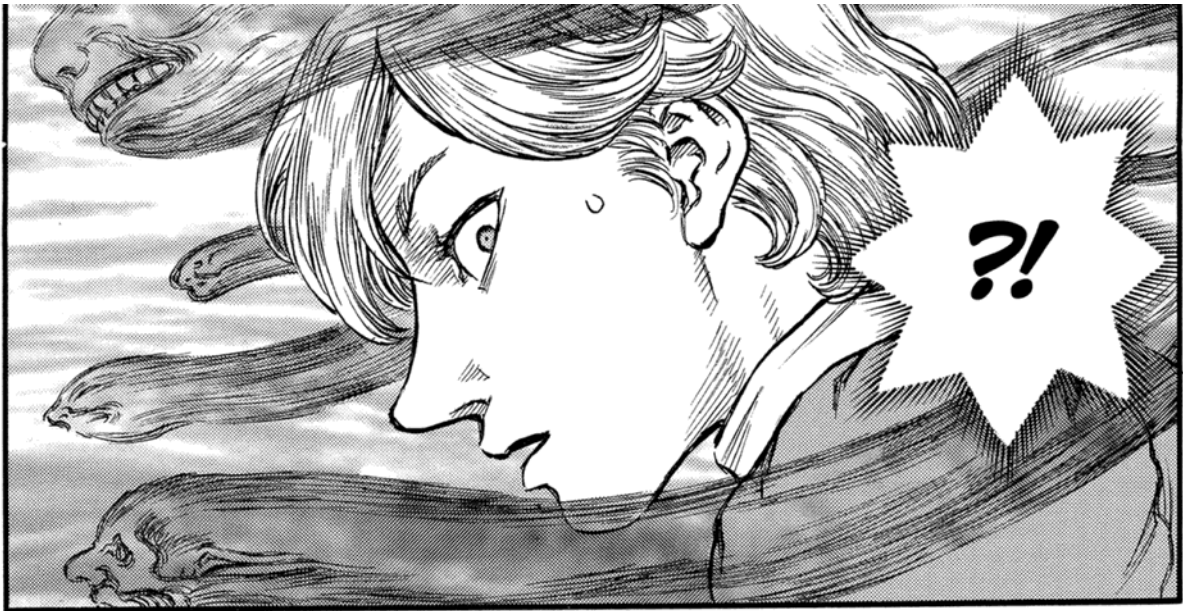




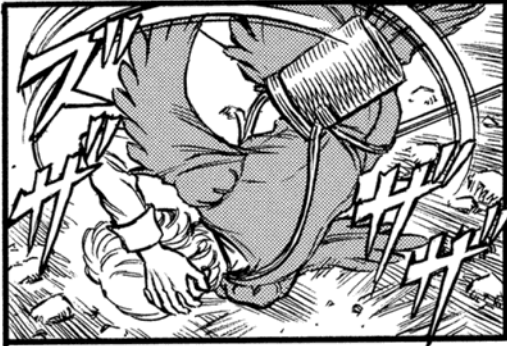
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NIGHT OF MIRACLES

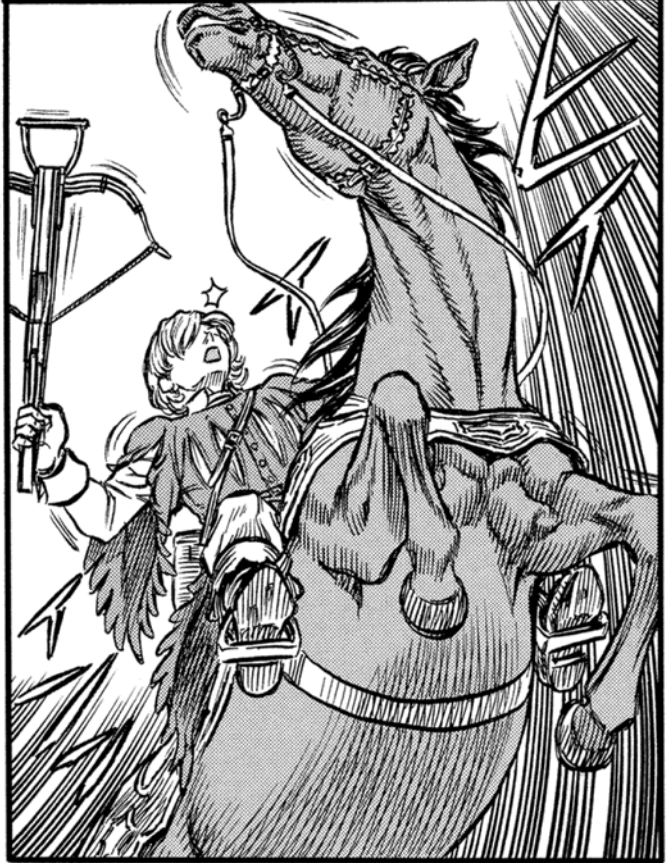
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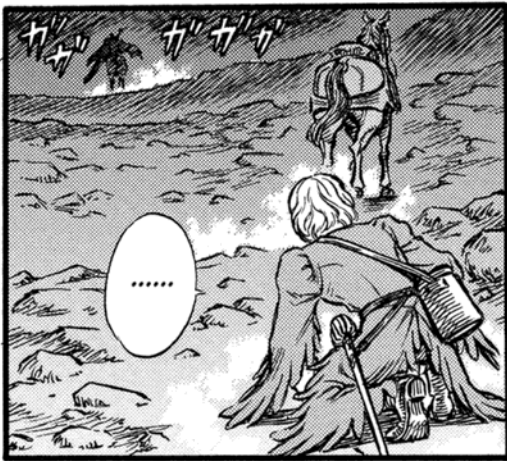
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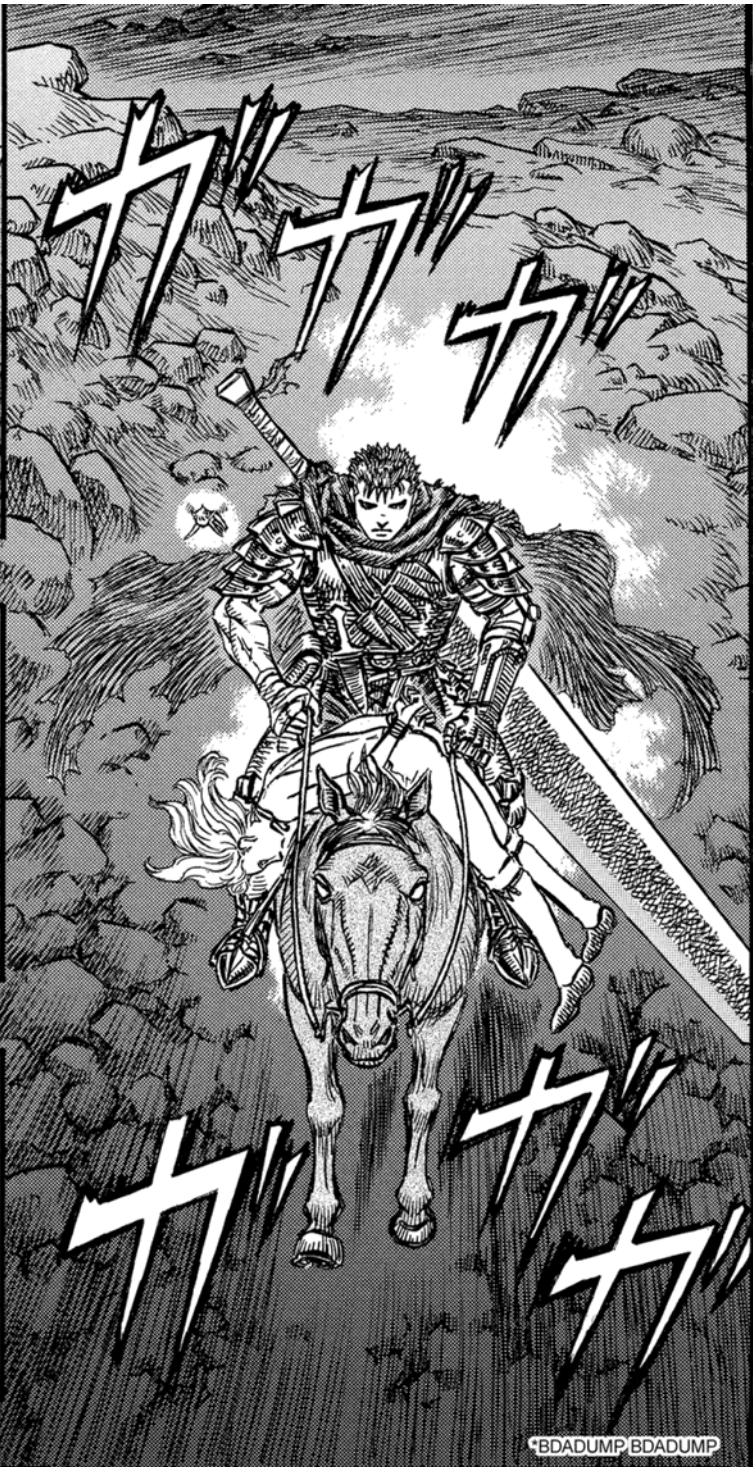
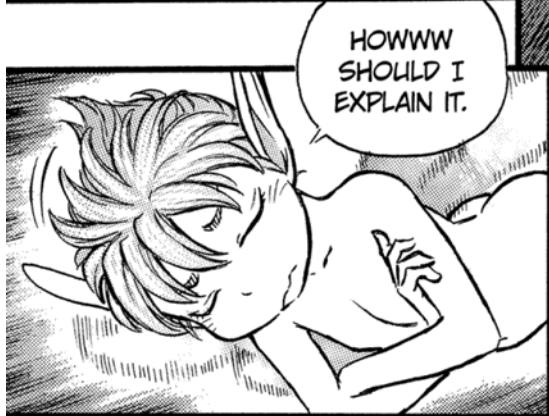
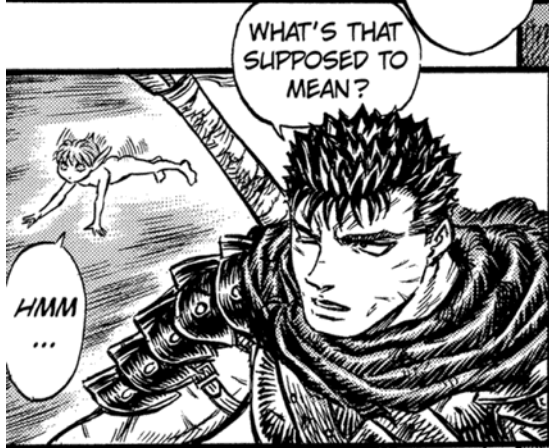
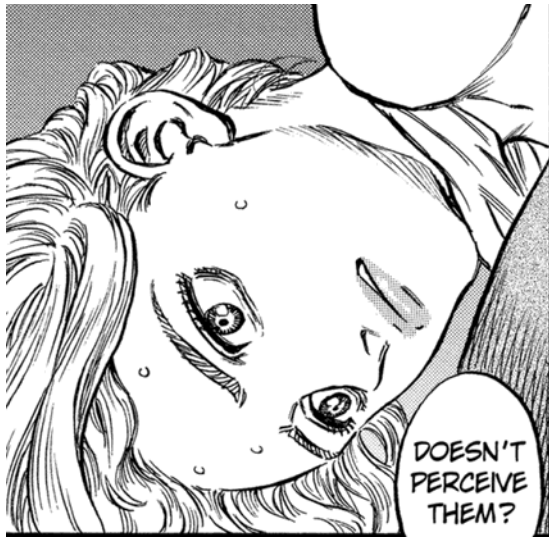


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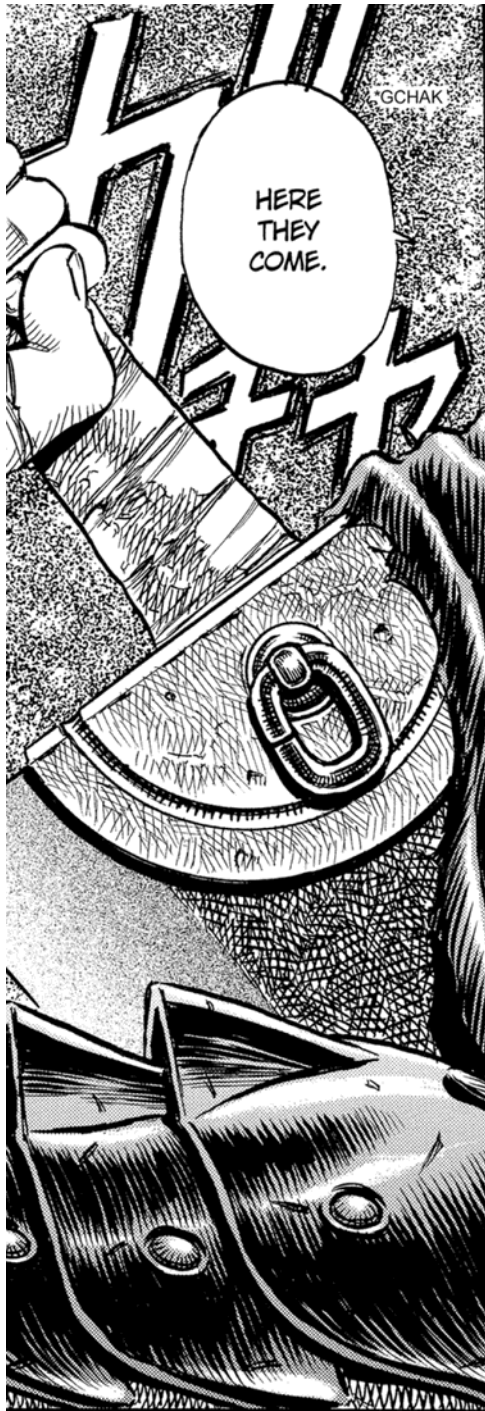


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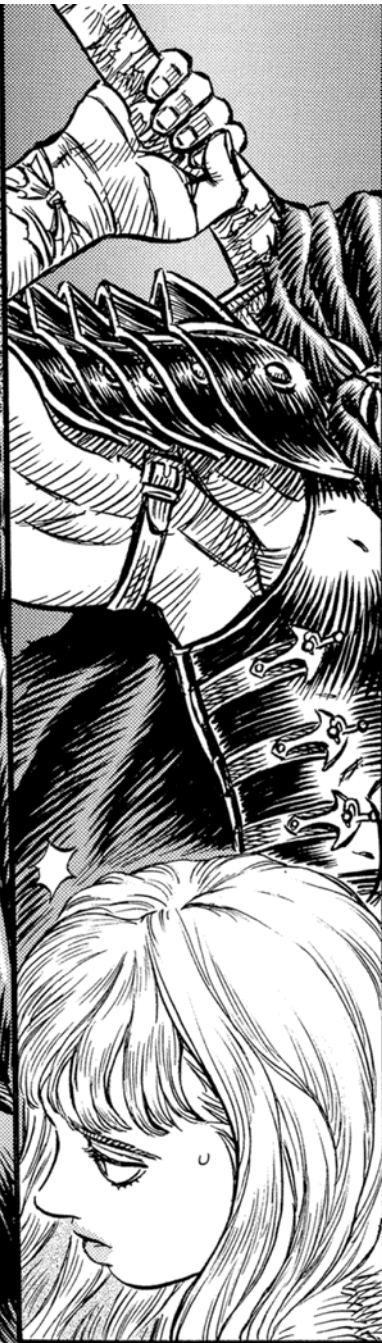
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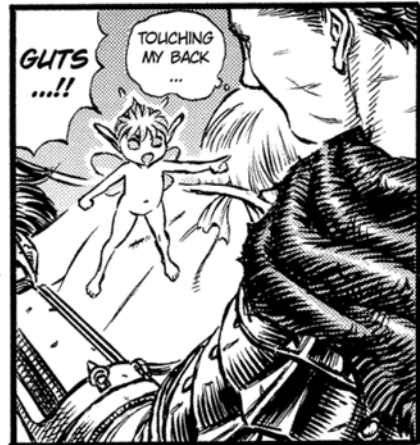
HERE
THEY
COME.

*GCHAK



*FX: (effect of noticing something)

*FX: ZZZT ZZZT



GUTS
...!!

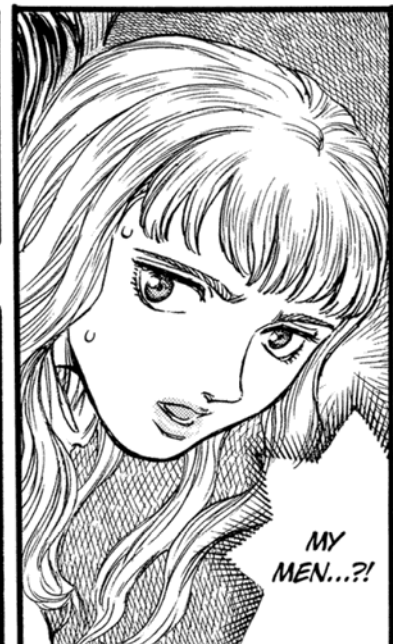
TOUCHING
MY BACK
...



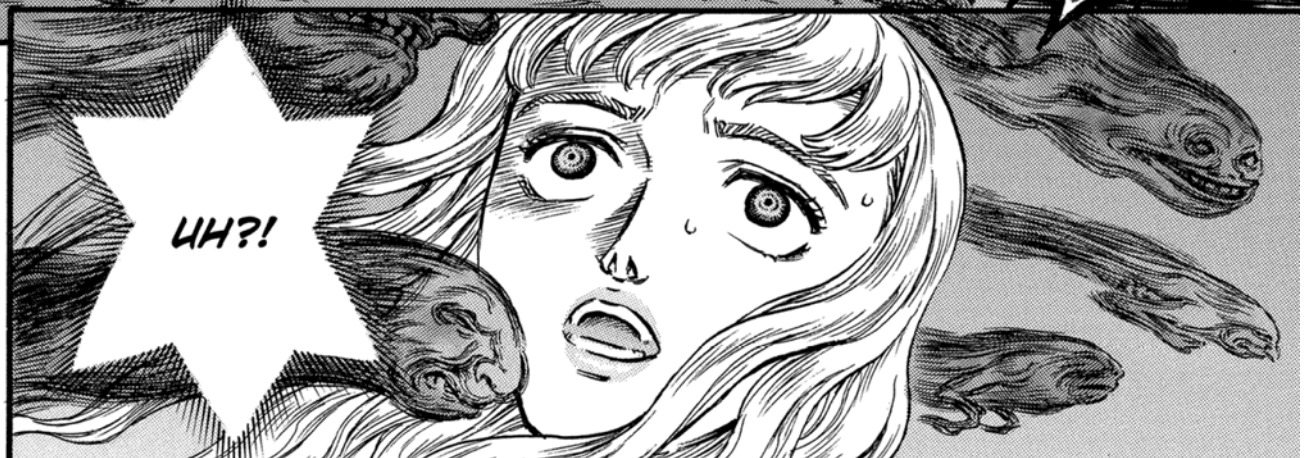
I
KNOW.



*FX: WHOMMMM

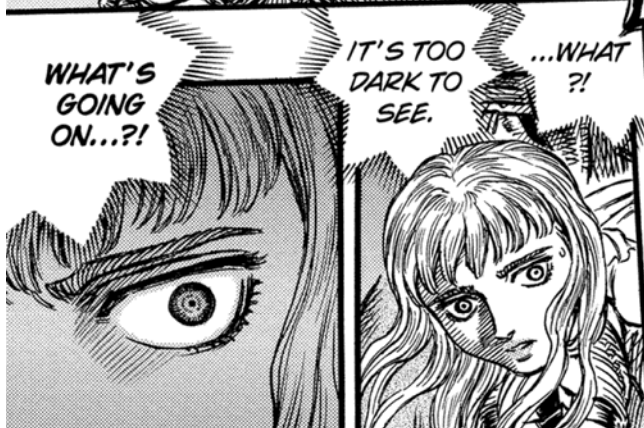


MY
MEN...?!





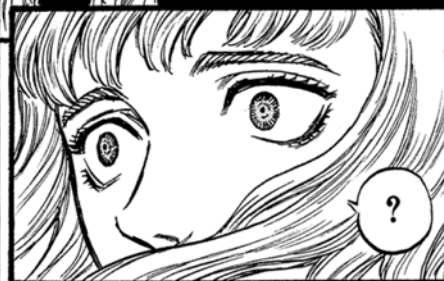
WILL
I LAST
'TIL
MORNING
...?!



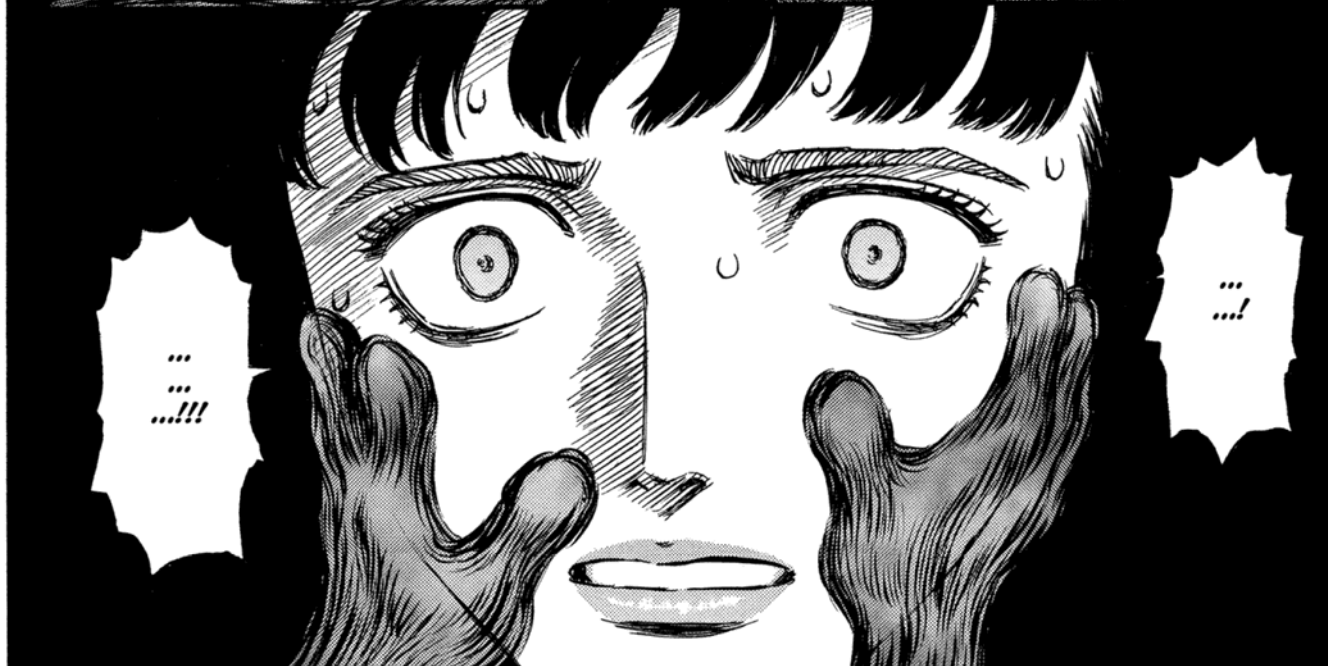
WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?!

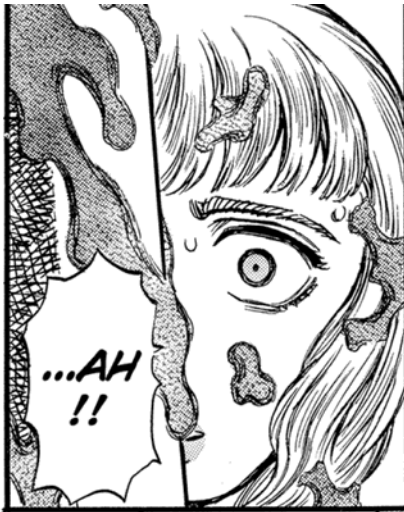
IT'S TOO
DARK TO
SEE.

...WHAT
?!



*FX: GRIN



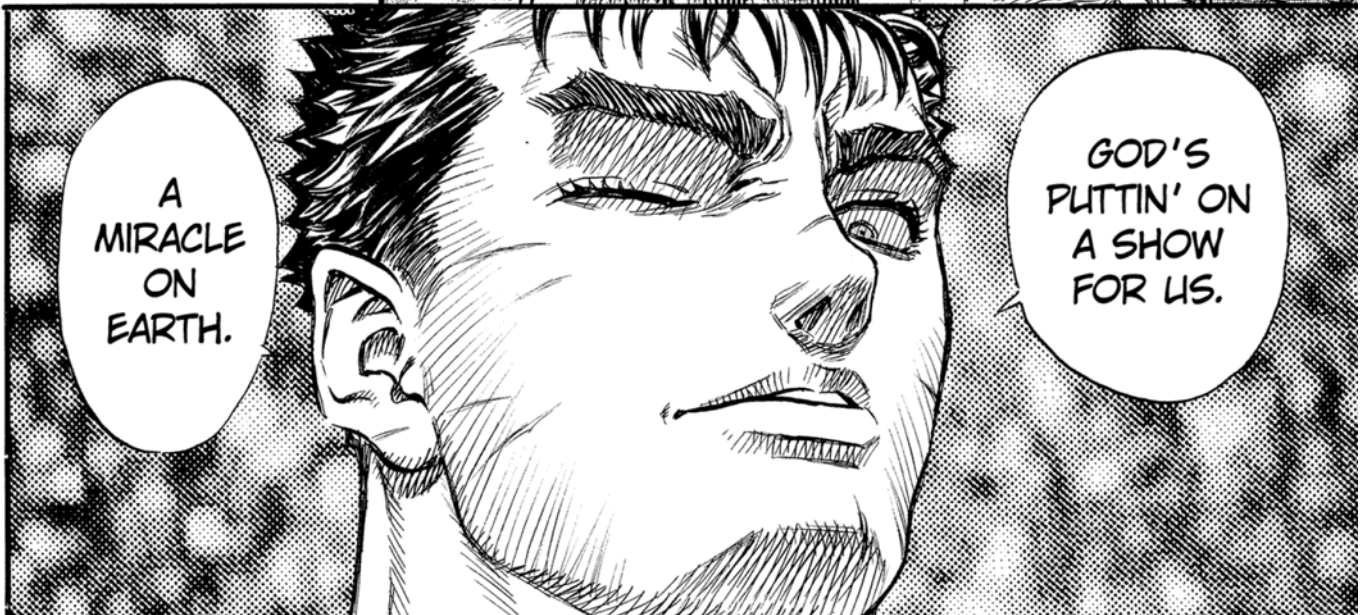


YOU WON'T
SEE THIS,
PRAYIN' TO
IDOLS.

KEEP
YOUR
EYES
OPEN,
WATCH.

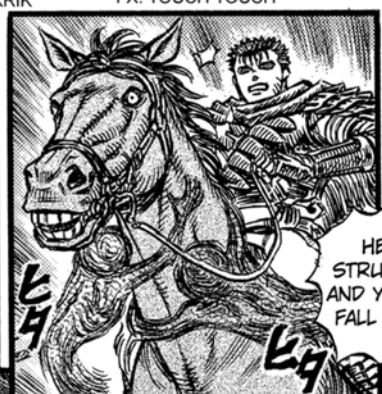


*BSSSHH



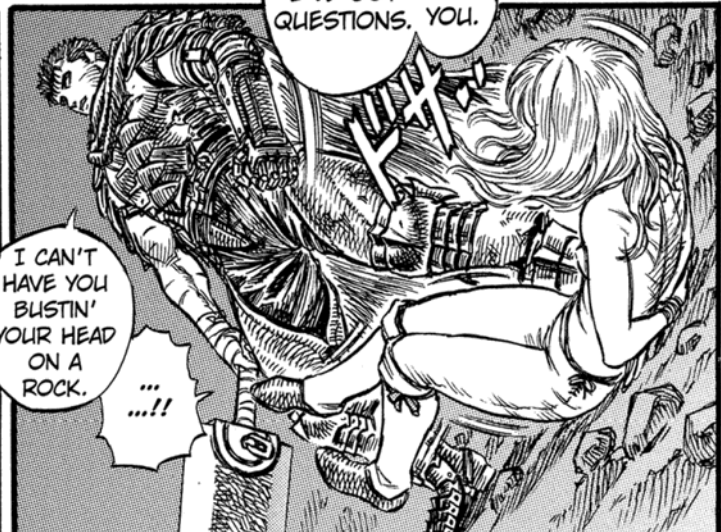
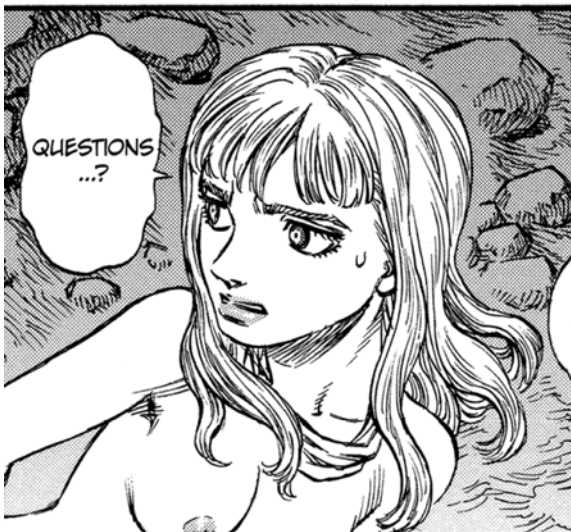
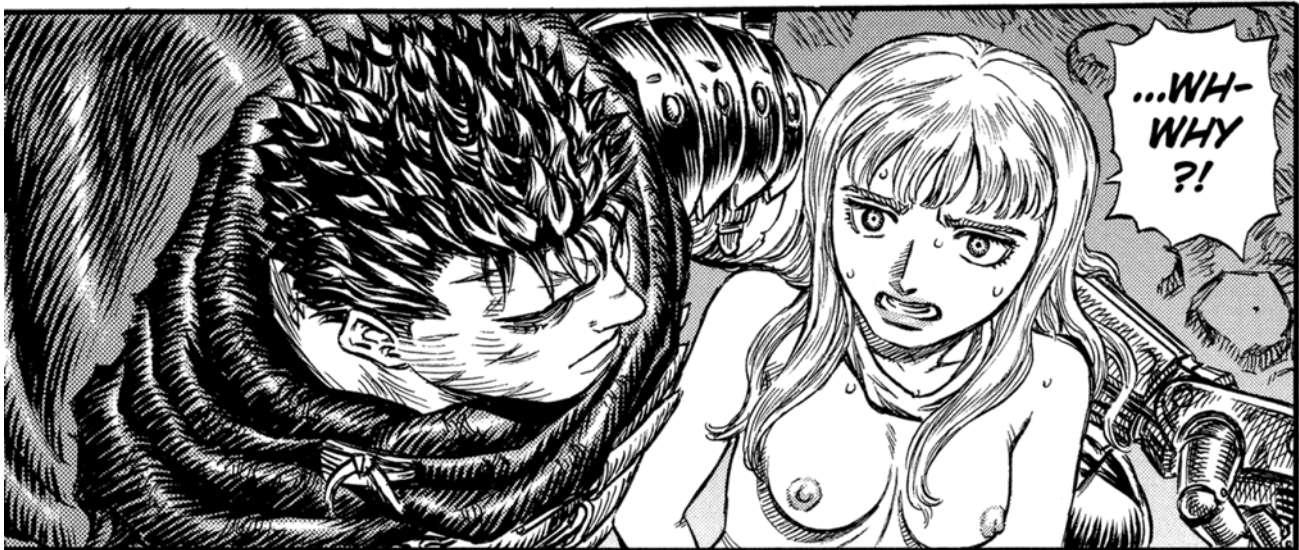
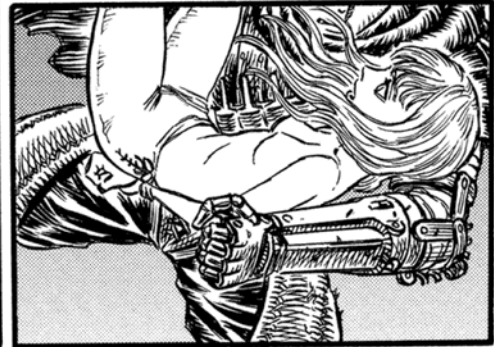
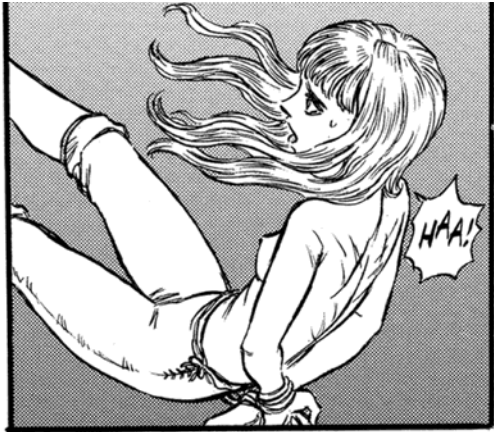
A
MIRACLE
ON
EARTH.

GOD'S
PUTTIN' ON
A SHOW
FOR US.



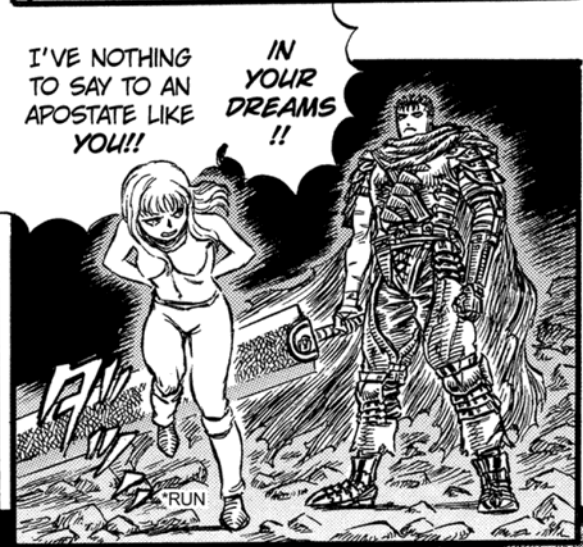
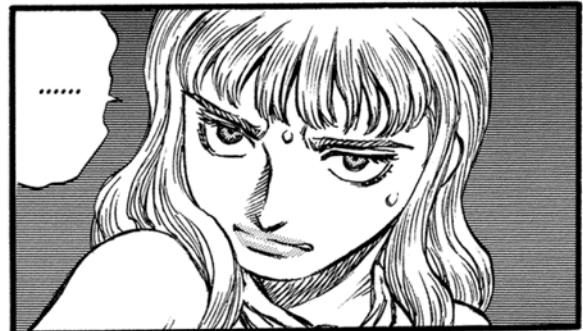
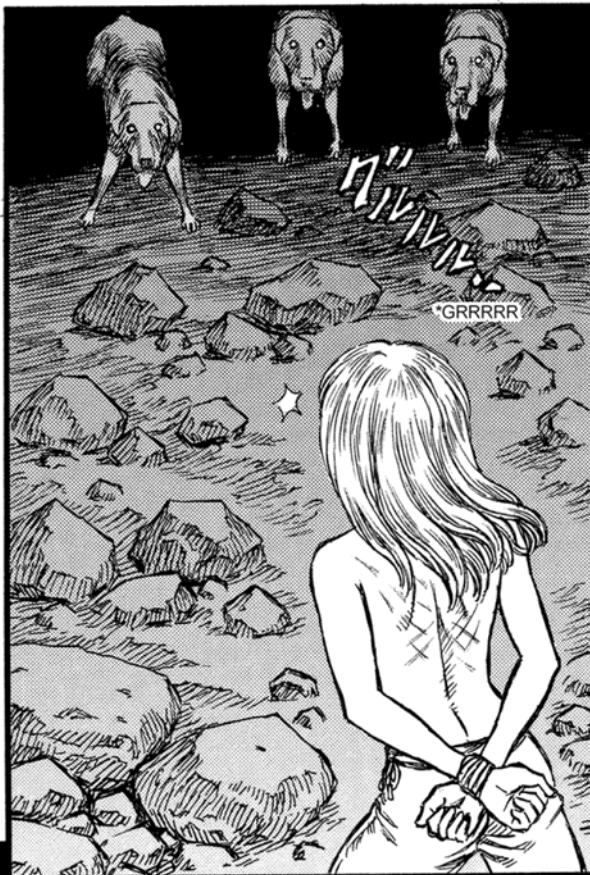


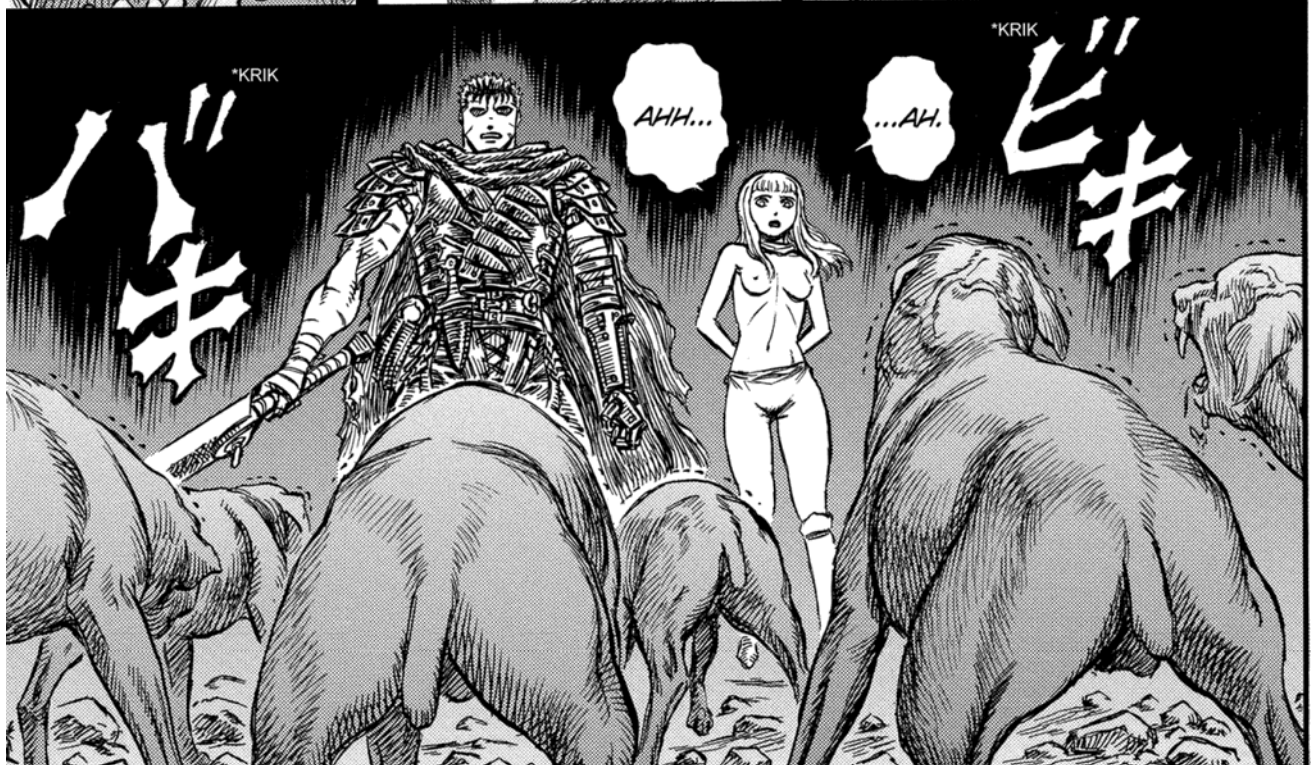
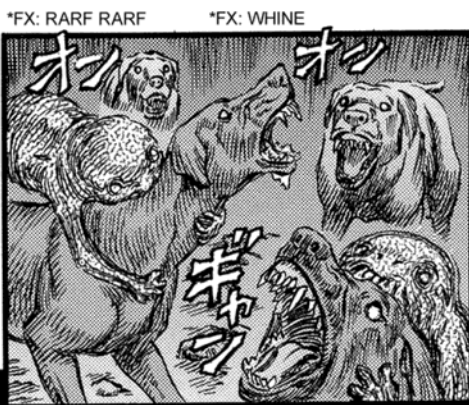
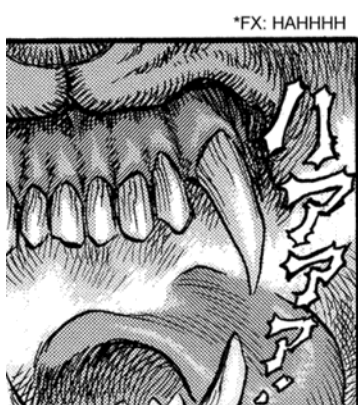
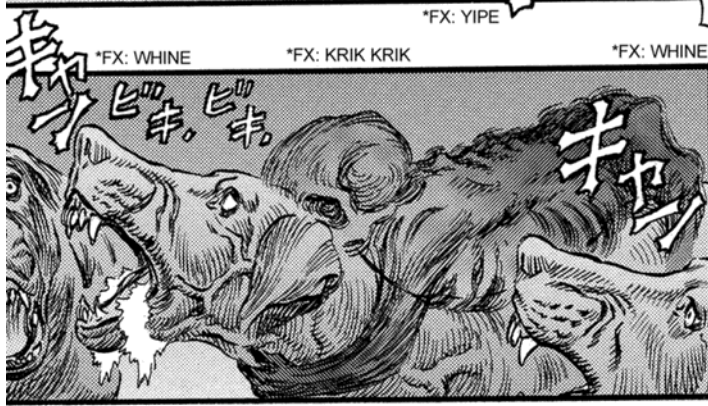
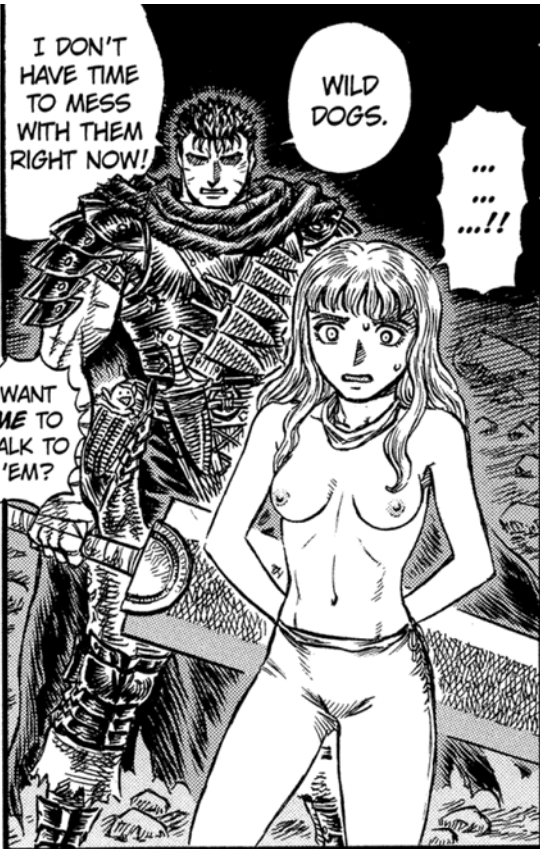
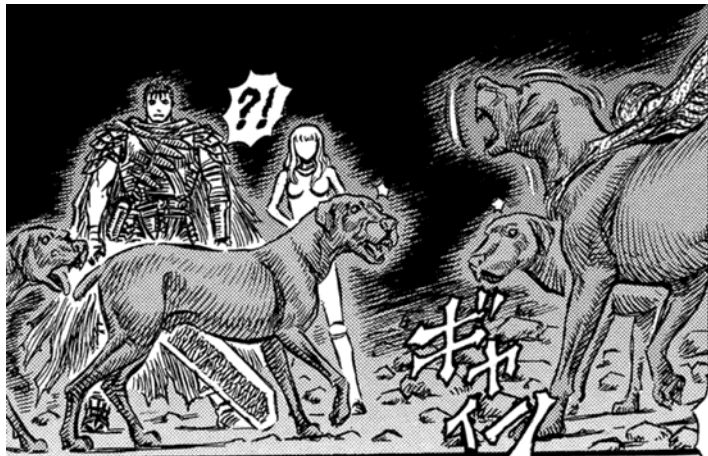
*FX: SHNK SHNK SHNK SHNK

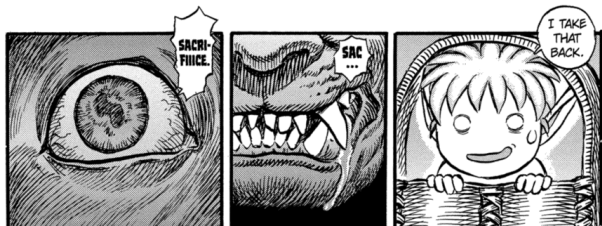


I
I'VE GOT TOLD
QUESTIONS. YOU.

*FX: THUD





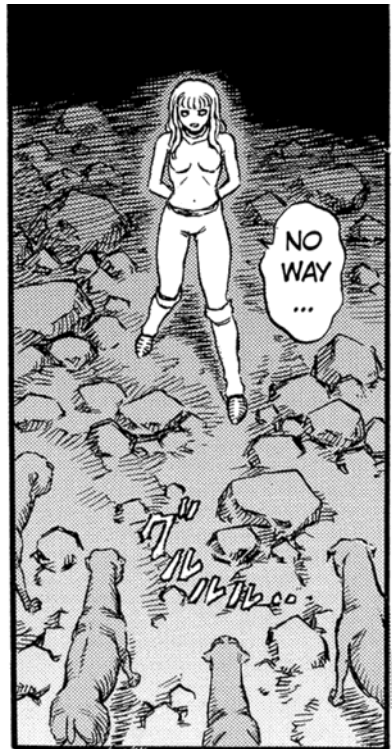




CAN'T
HAPPEN
?



SOME-
THING
LIKE
THIS
...



NO
WAY
...

*FX: GRRRRRR



...IT'S
CALLED A
MIRACLE.

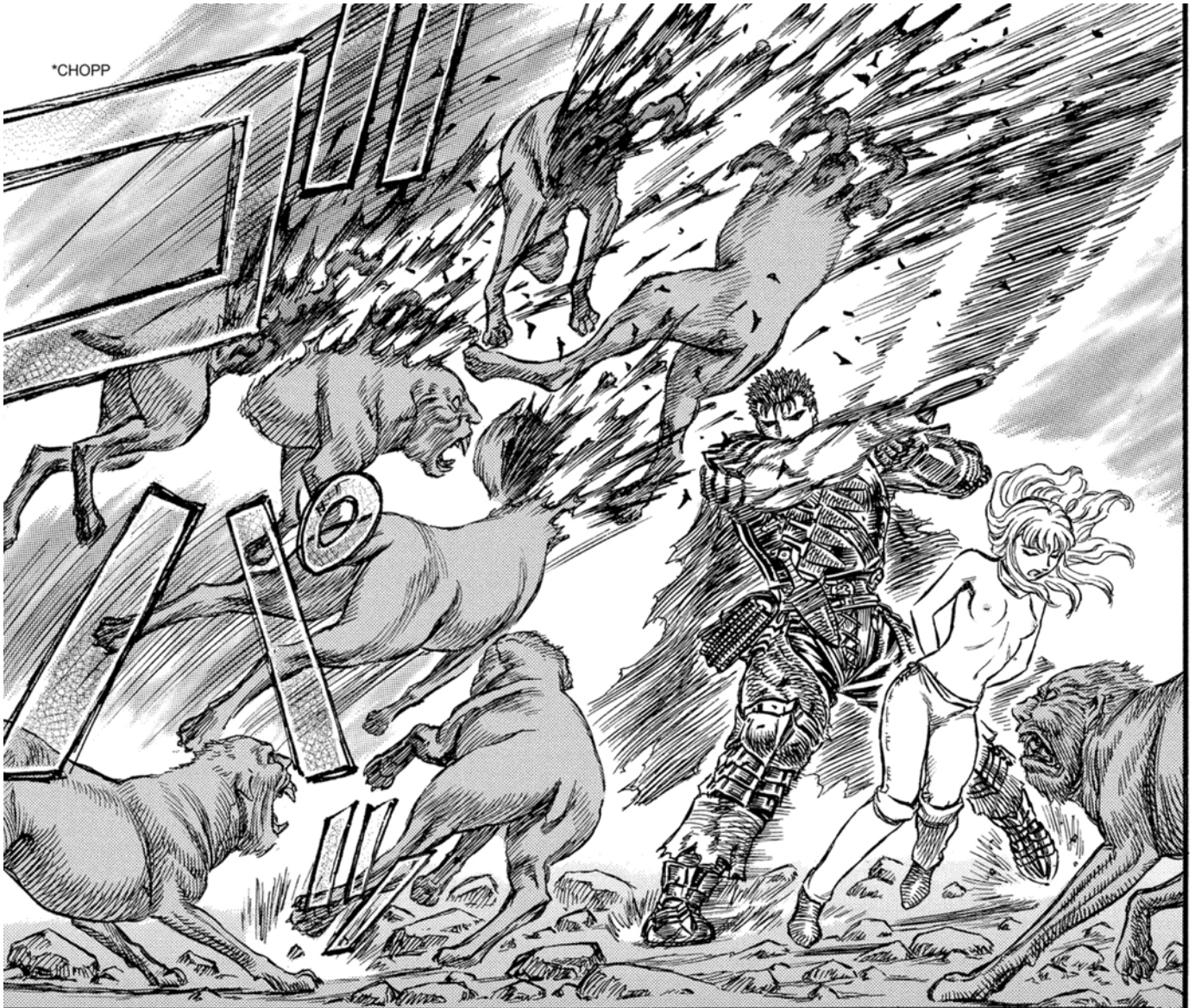
THAT'S
WHY...



*FX: GROWR

*FX: SNARL

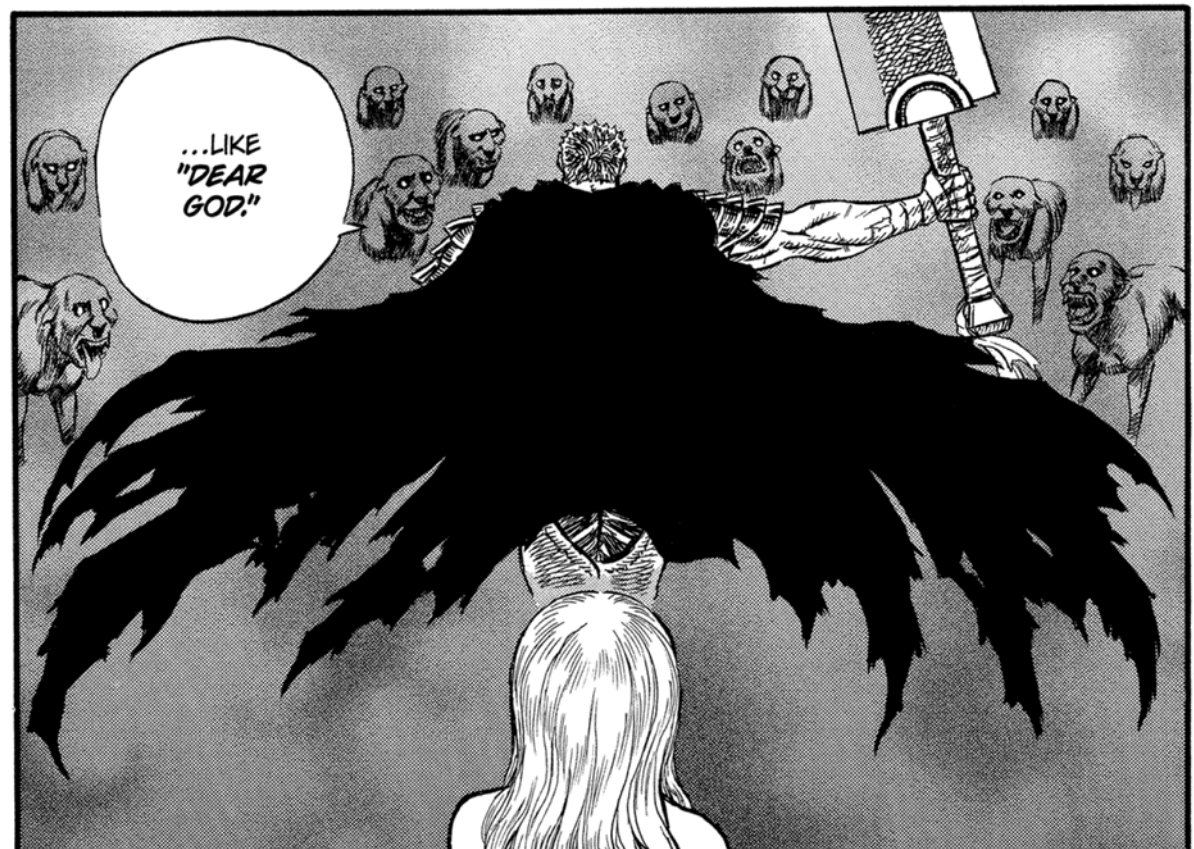
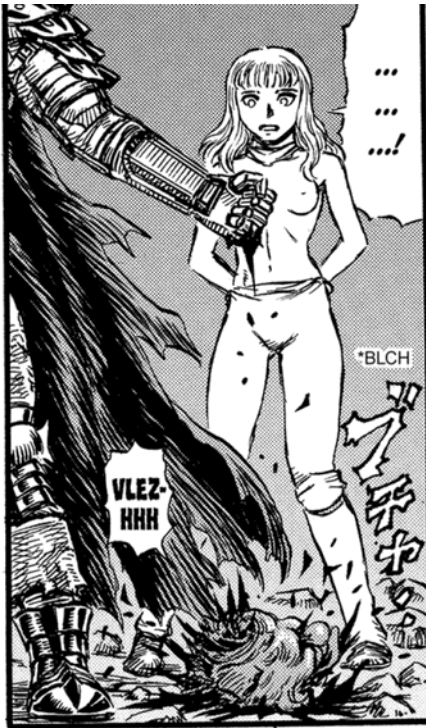
*CHOPP

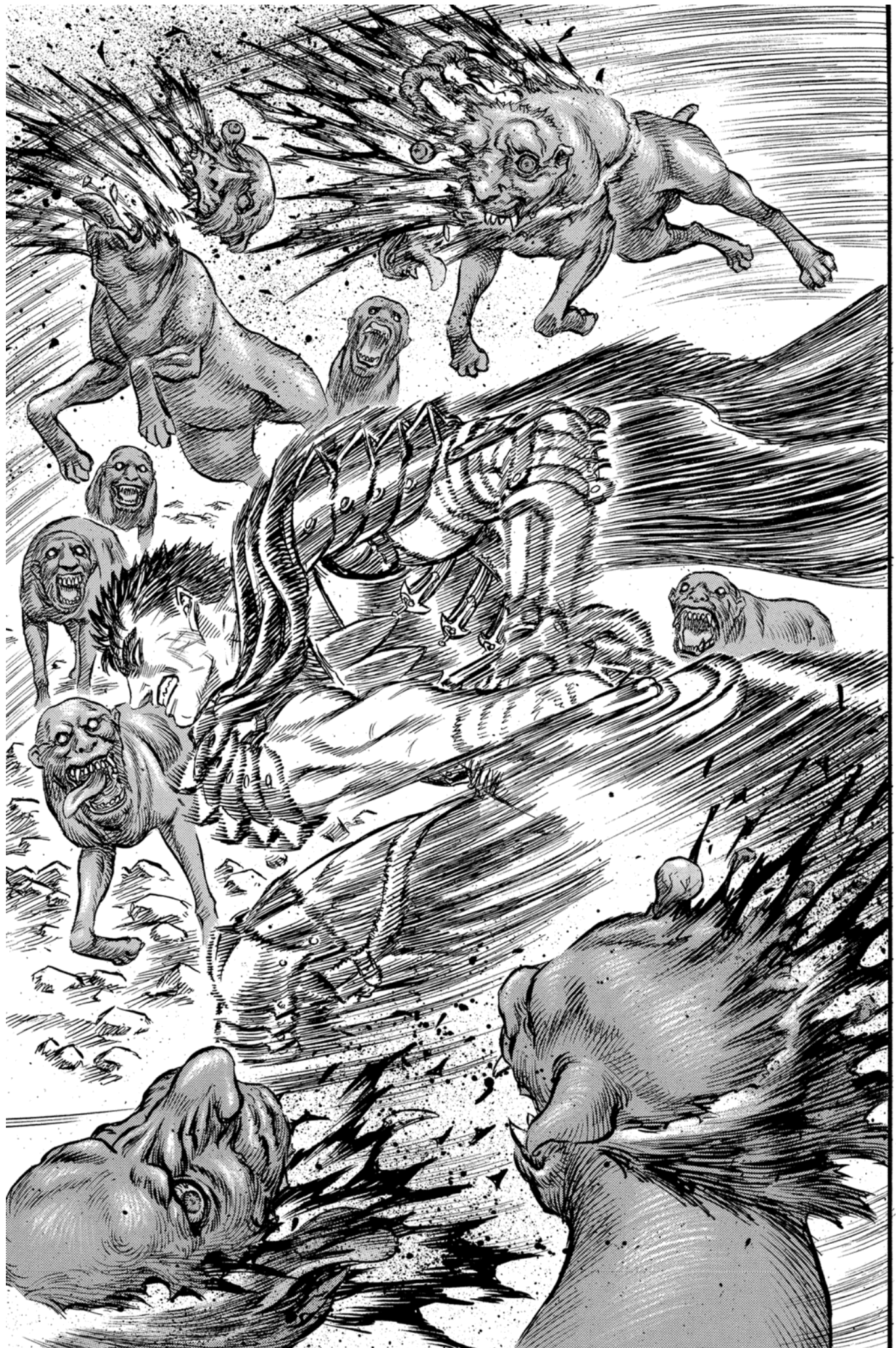


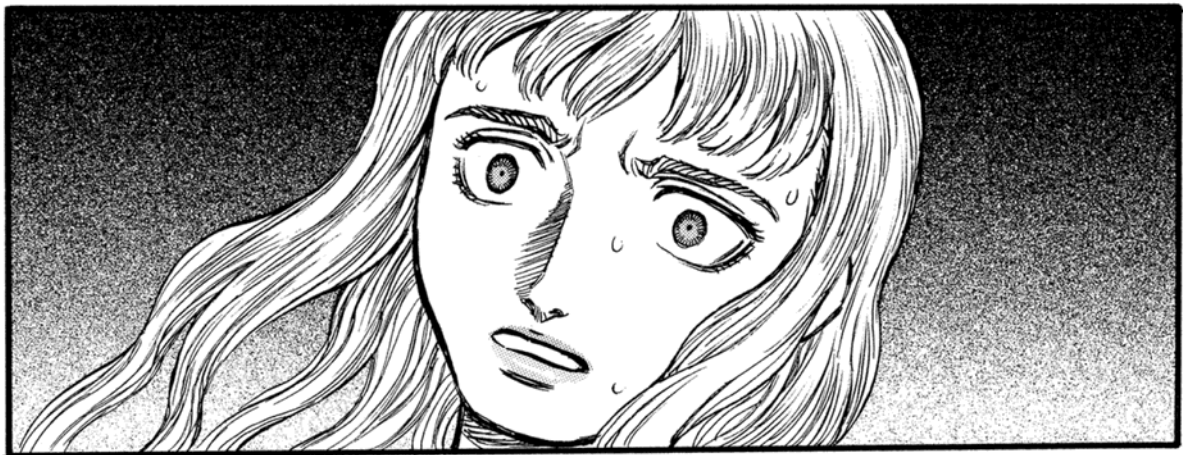
*FX: SNAP SNAP

*FX: WHAP









断罪篇

縛鎖(ばくさ)の章

去来



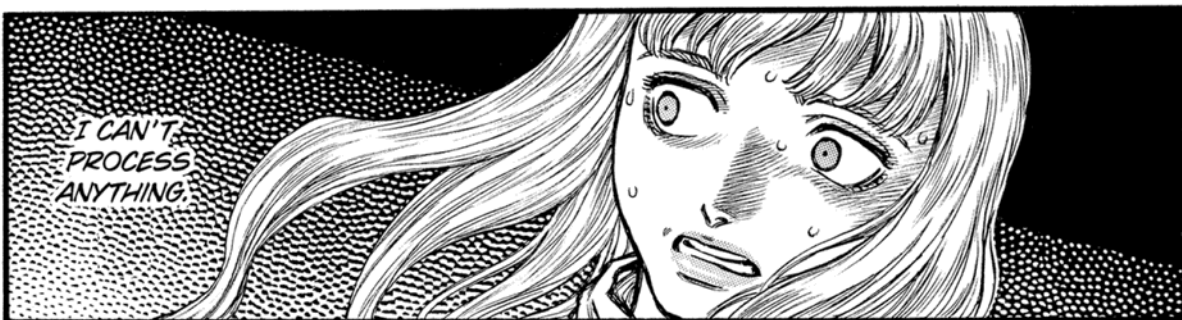
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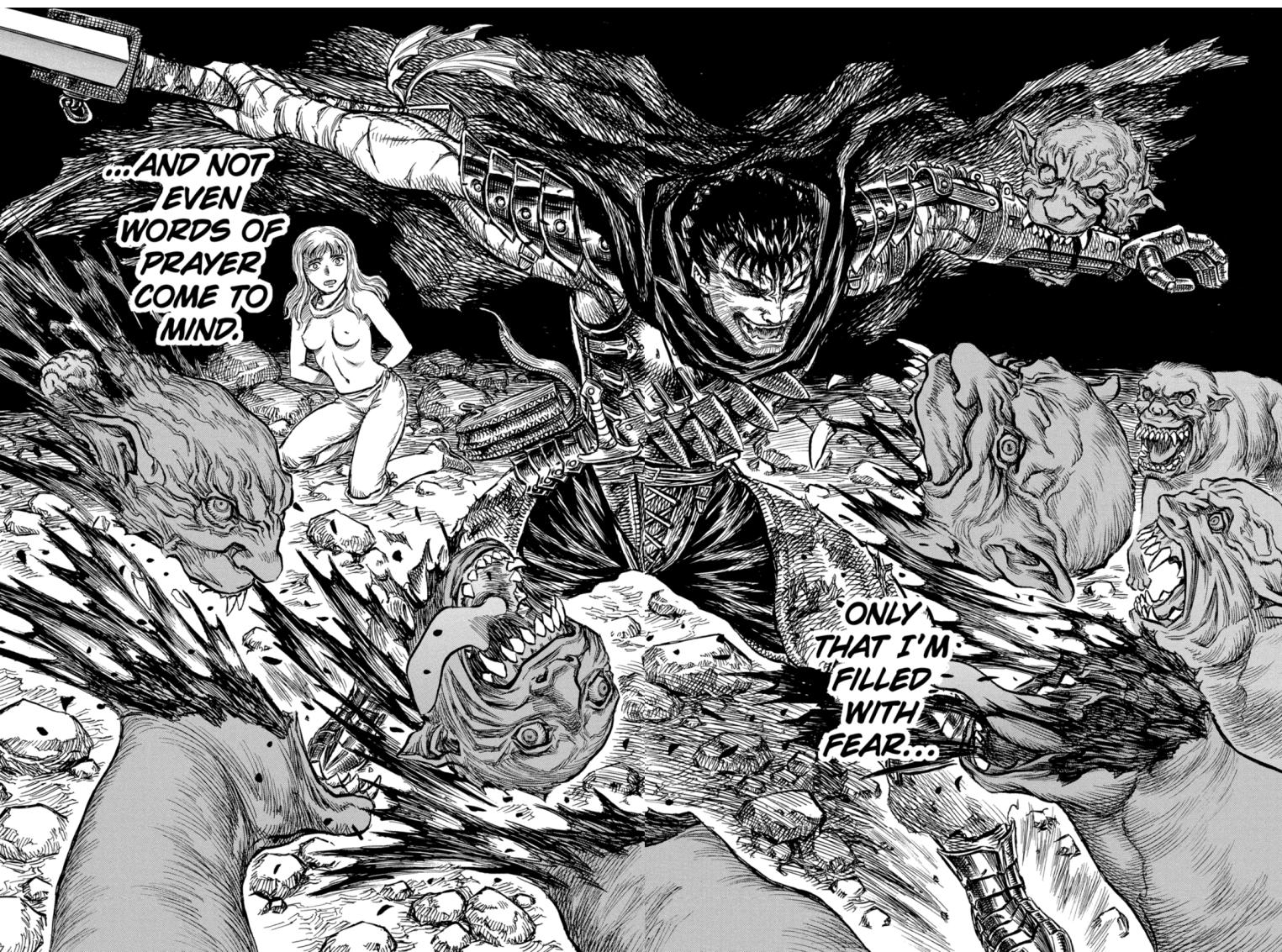


BINDING CHAIN CHAPTER



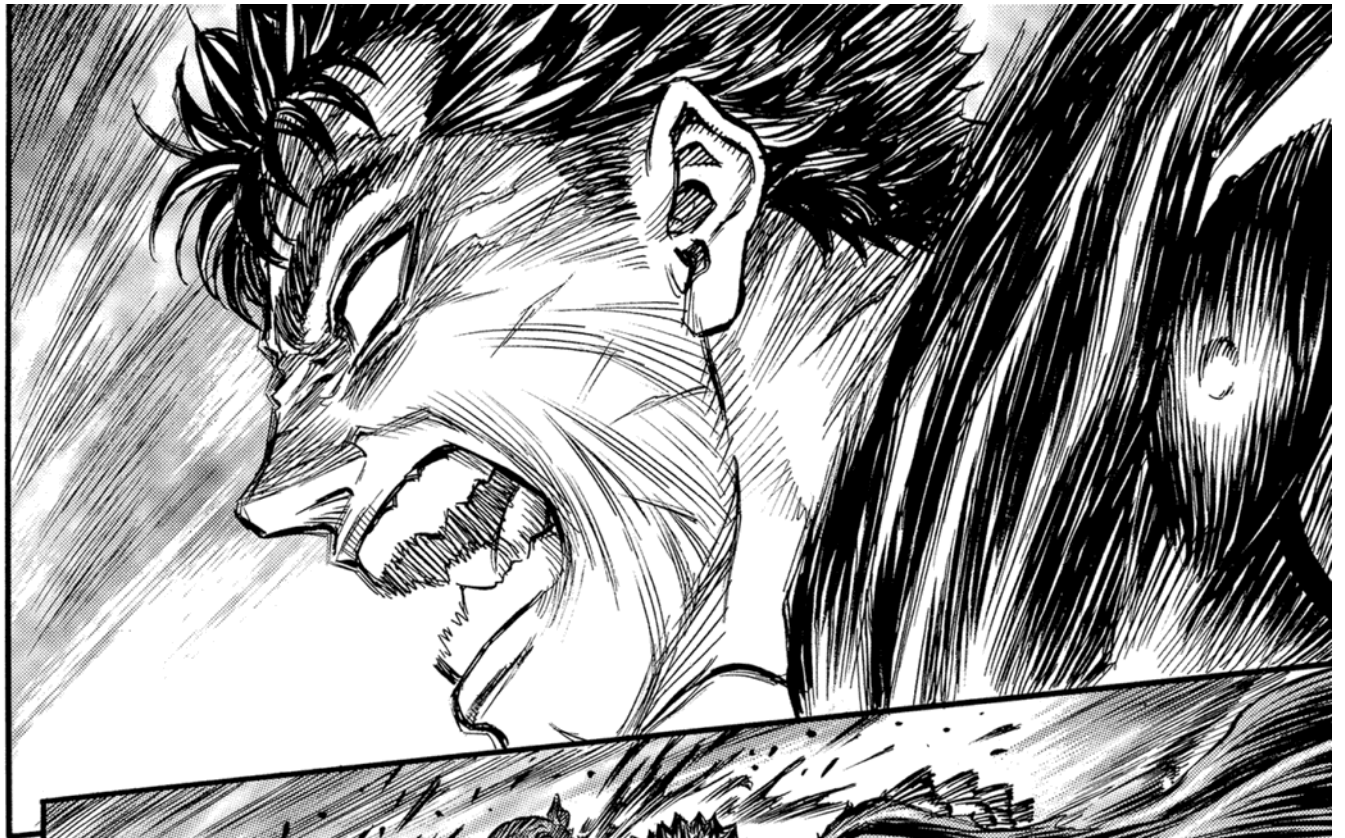
PAST AND FUTURE





...AND NOT
EVEN
WORDS OF
PRAYER
COME TO
MIND.

ONLY
THAT I'M
FILLED
WITH
FEAR...



*FX: ZHUNK

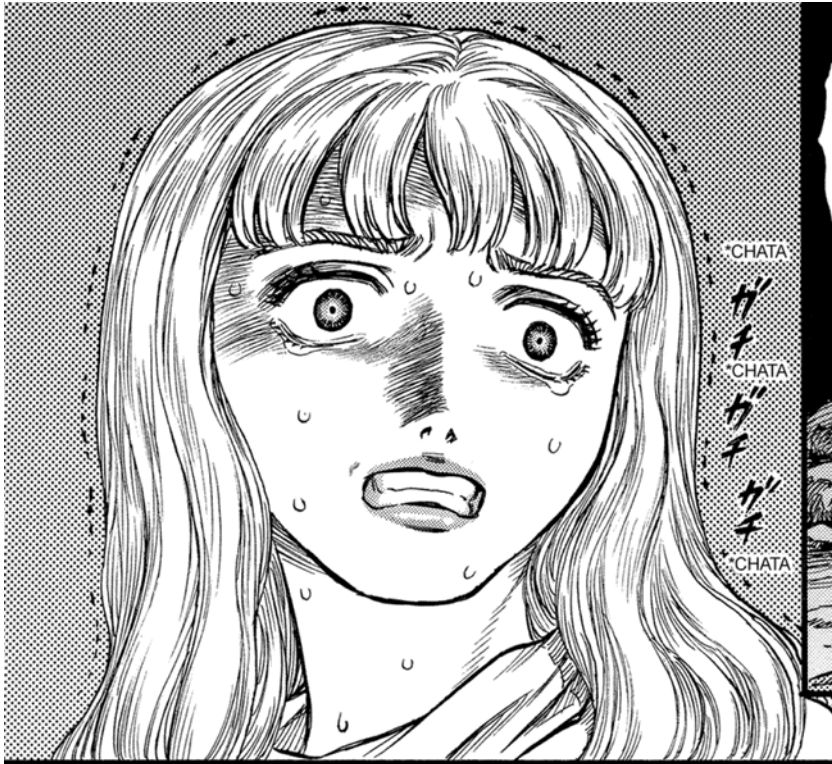
*FX: RISE

*FX: TWITCH TWITCH



*FX: WHAM

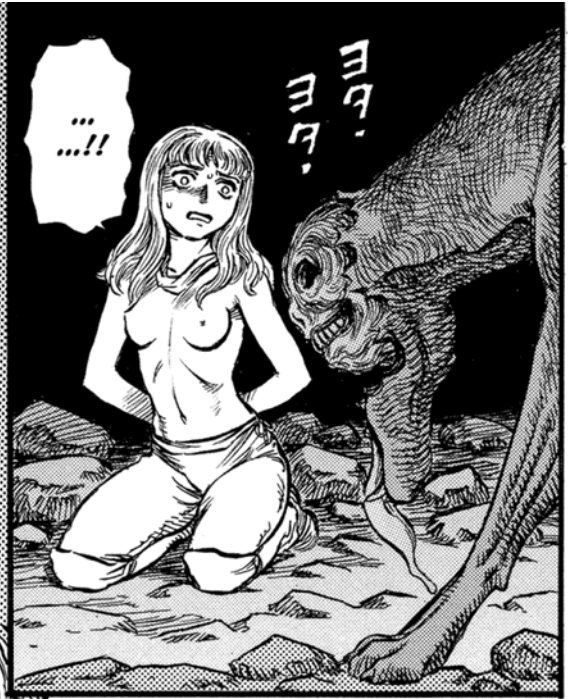




*CHATA

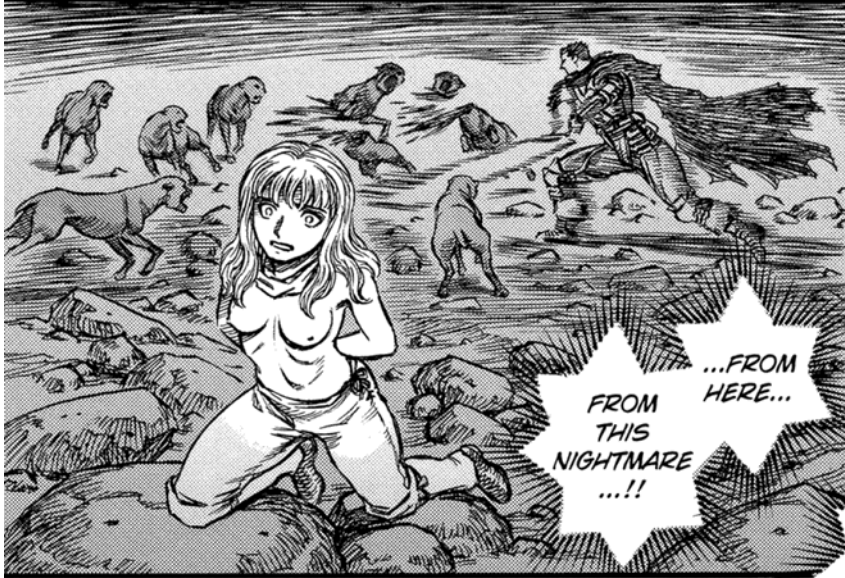
*CHATA

*CHATA

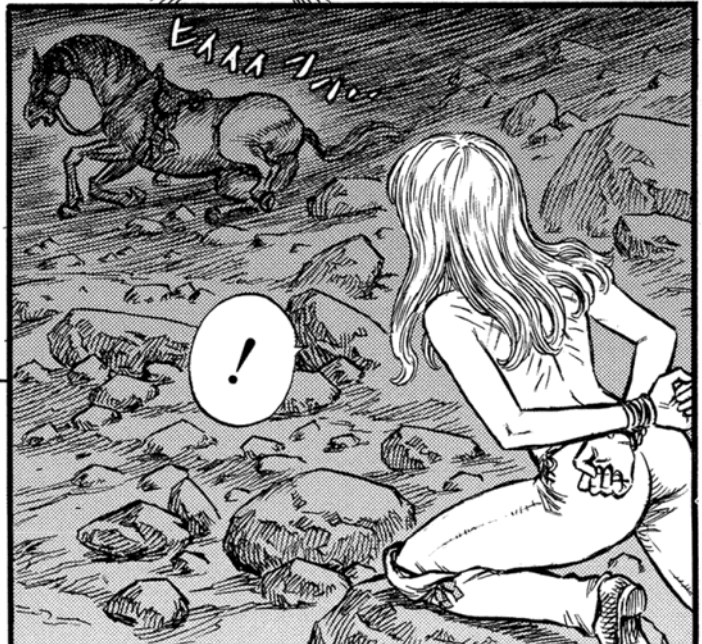
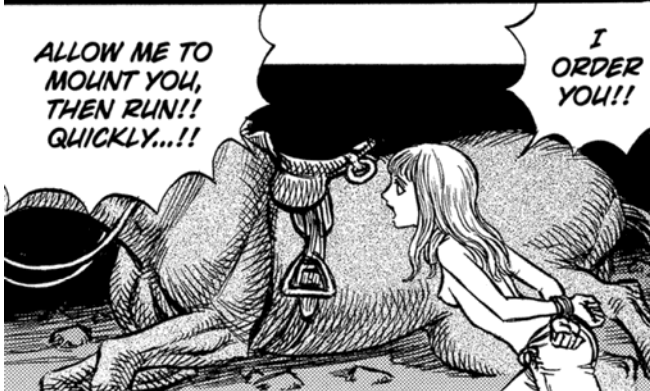


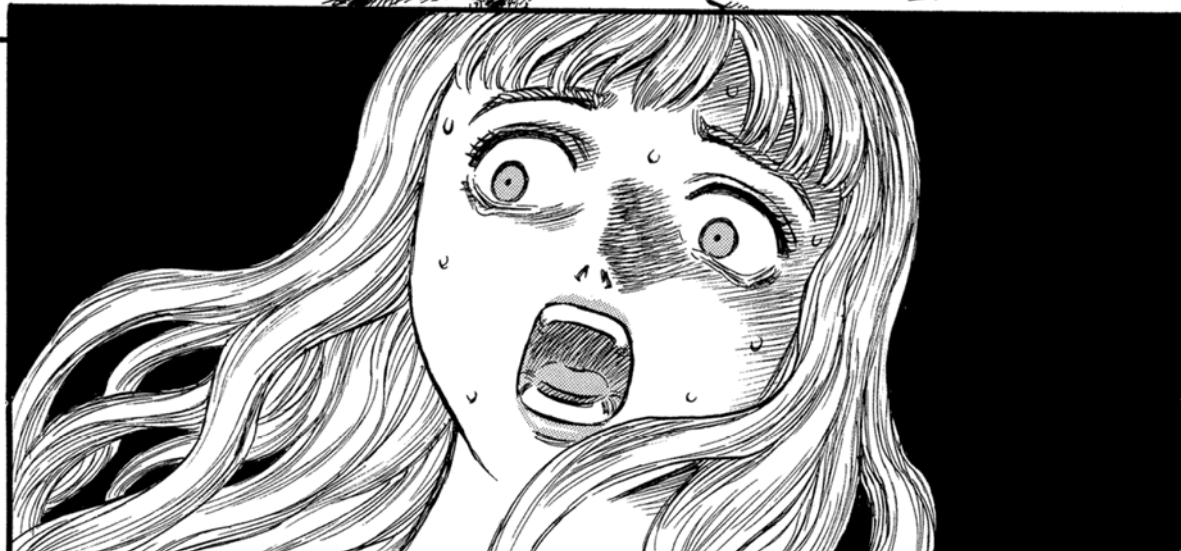
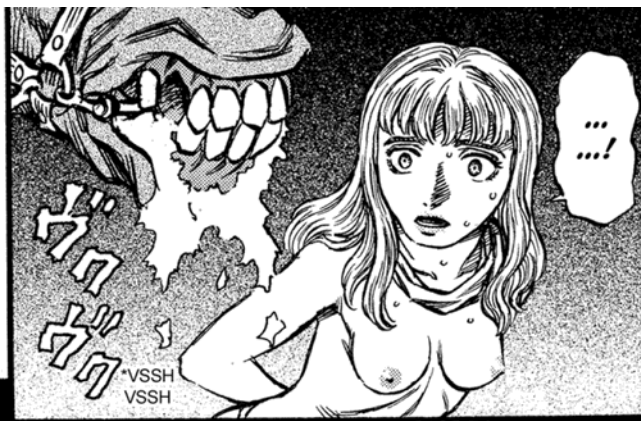
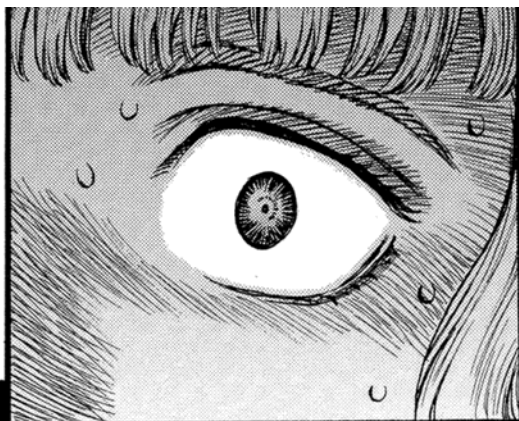
*FX: PLOD PLOD

*FX: STAGGER



*FX: HRRHRRN







*HRHRRN



*WHOCK

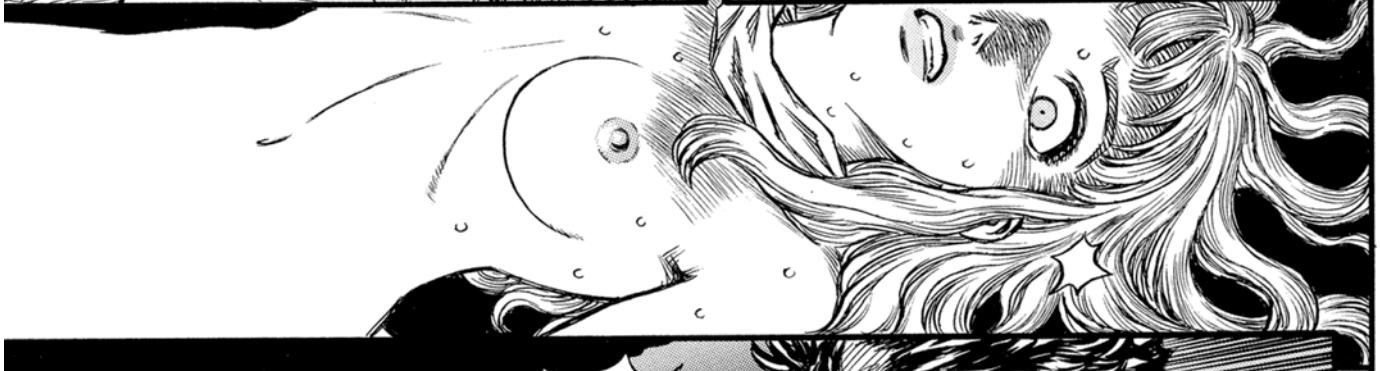


I MOUNT ...

...THE WOMAN.



*SHLOP



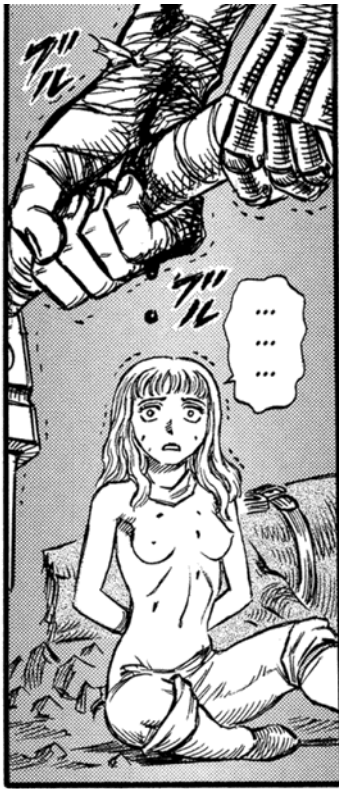






*FX: KRSH KRSH

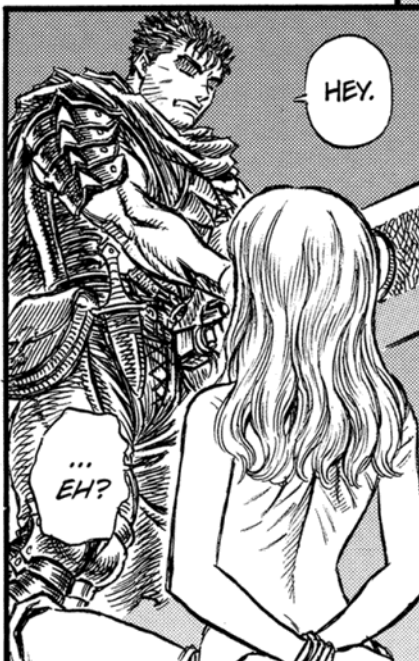
*FX: WHONNING

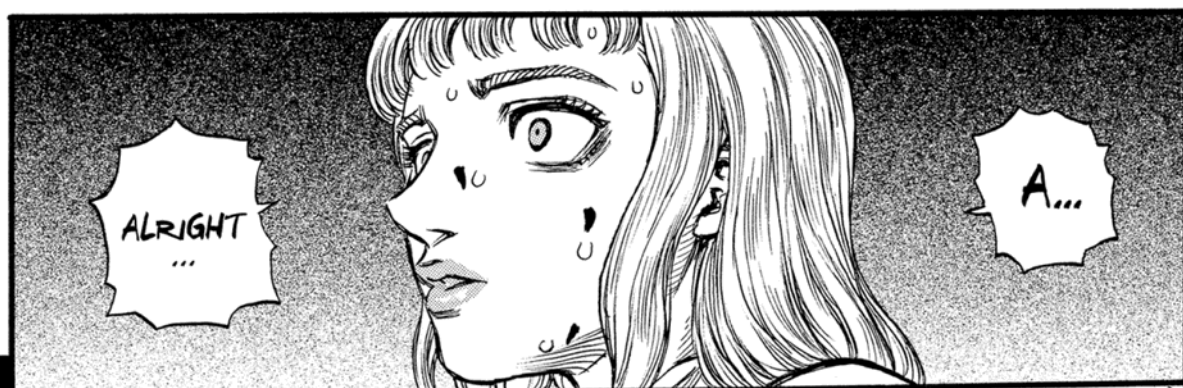


*FX: SHAKE SHAKE

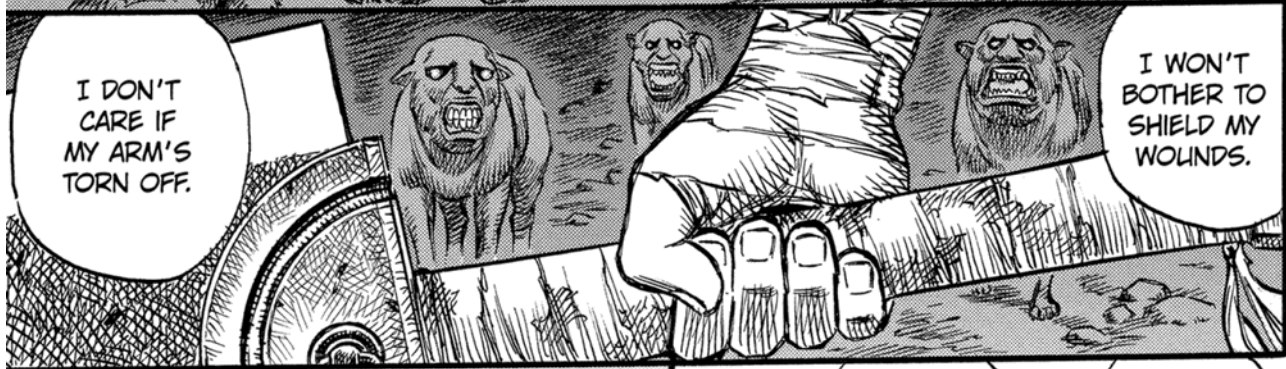
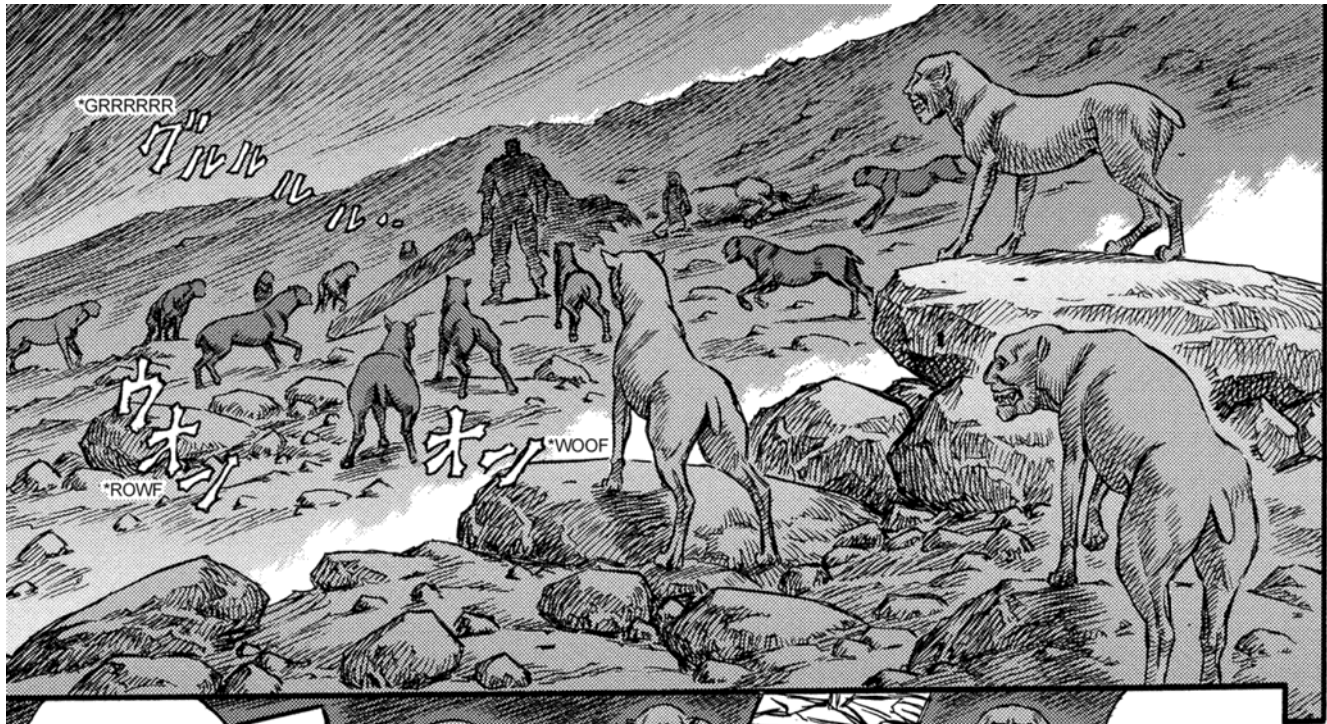


*FX: GULP







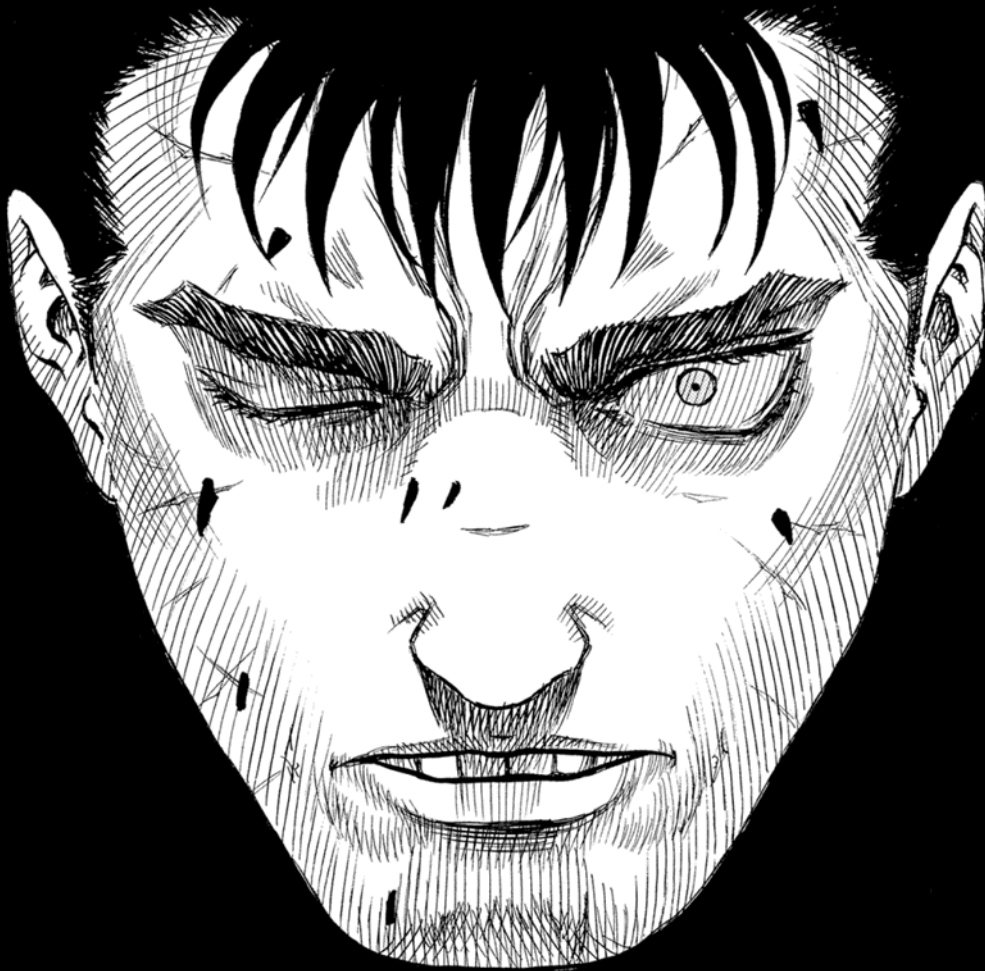


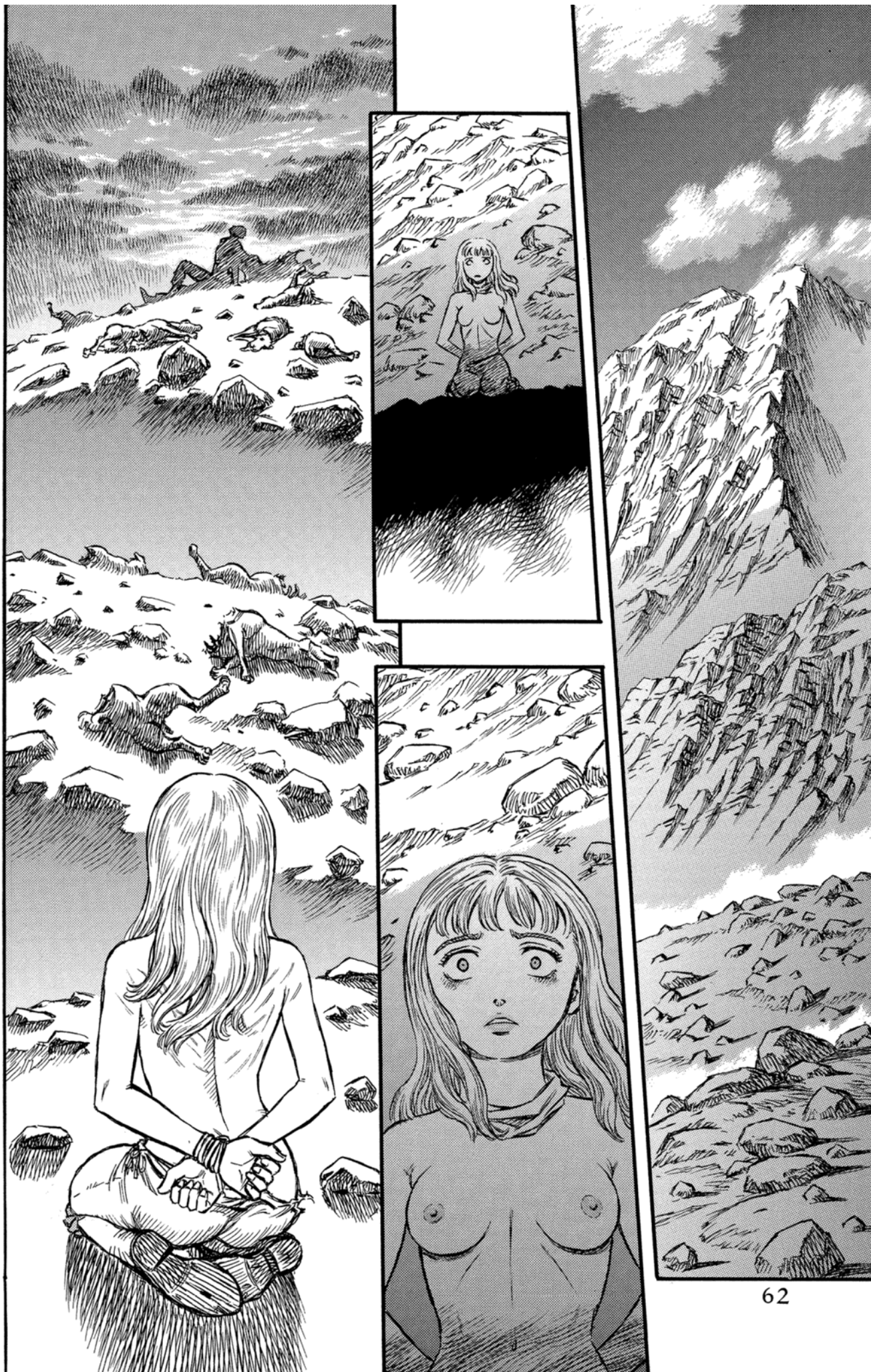


THANK
YOU.

IT'S THE
WORST I
EVER FEEL.

YOU'LL ALL
KEEP DYING
UNTIL THE
DAY BREAKS.







SOMEHOW...



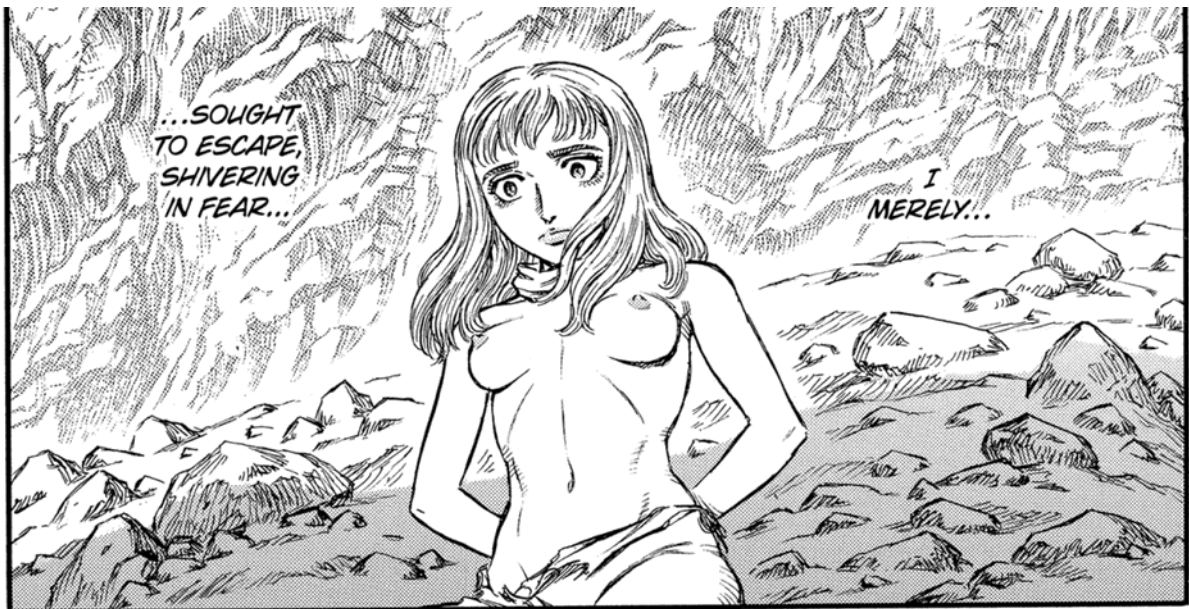
...SPLATTERED
WITH THE BLOOD
OF HIS PREY,
THE IMAGE
TOUCHED ME.

...AS HE SAT
BENEATH THE
BRIGHTENING
SKY, PANTING
LIKE A BEAST...



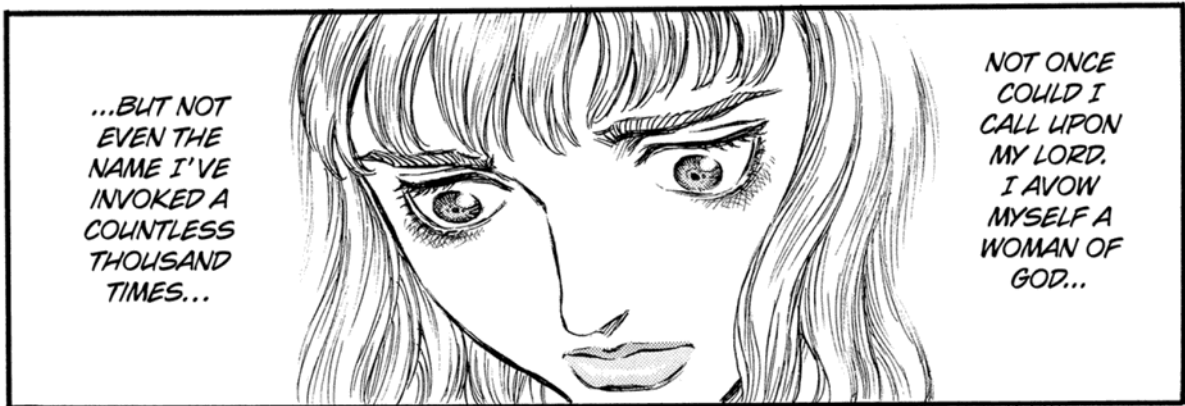
...ALMOST LIKE
A PAINTING
ADORNING A
BASILICA.

IT WAS BOTH
SOLEMN AND
BEAUTIFUL...



...SOUGHT
TO ESCAPE,
SHIVERING
IN FEAR...

I
MERELY...



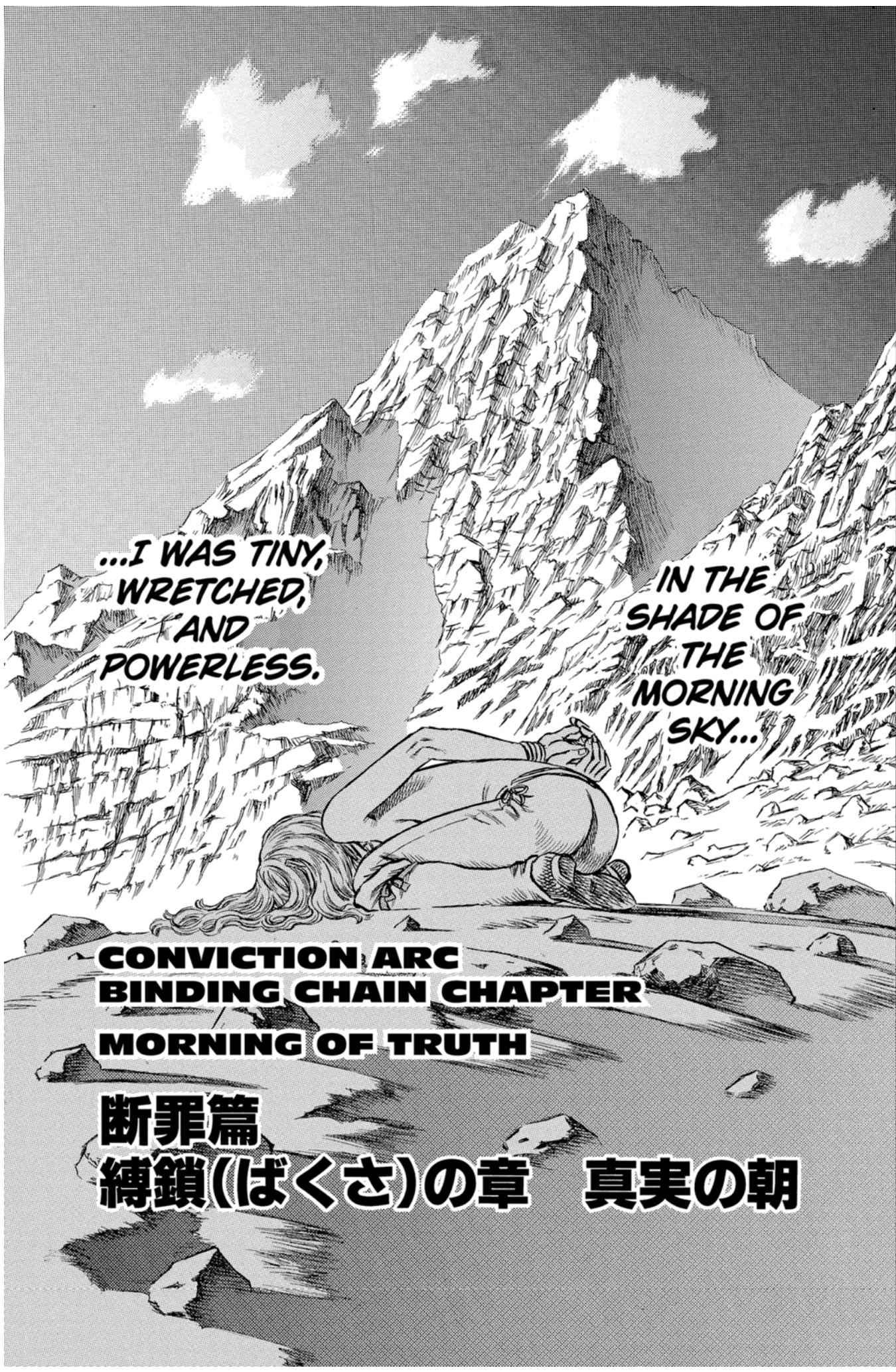
...BUT NOT
EVEN THE
NAME I'VE
INVOKED A
COUNTLESS
THOUSAND
TIMES...

NOT ONCE
COULD I
CALL UPON
MY LORD.
I AVOW
MYSELF A
WOMAN OF
GOD...



...I...

CONVICTION ARC
BINDING CHAIN CHAPTER
PAST AND FUTURE: END

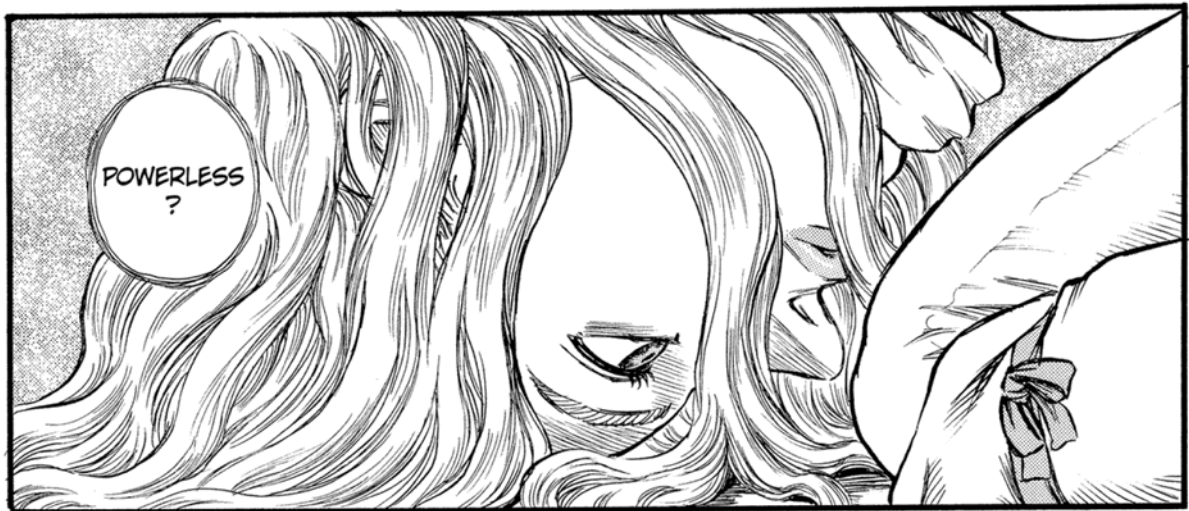
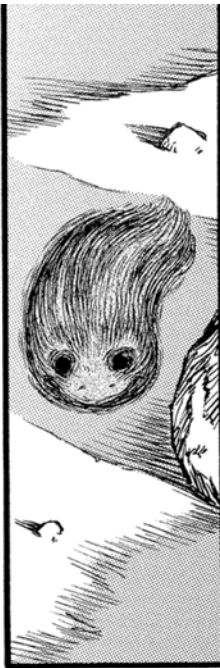
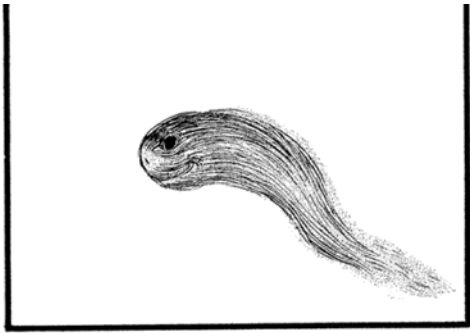


...I WAS TINY,
WRETCHED,
AND
POWERLESS.

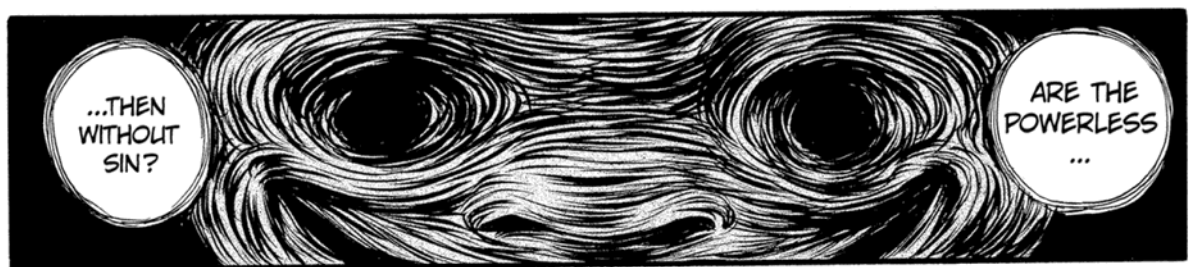
IN THE
SHADE OF
THE
MORNING
SKY...

CONVICTION ARC
BINDING CHAIN CHAPTER
MORNING OF TRUTH

断罪篇
縛鎖(ばくさ)の章 真実の朝



POWERLESS
?



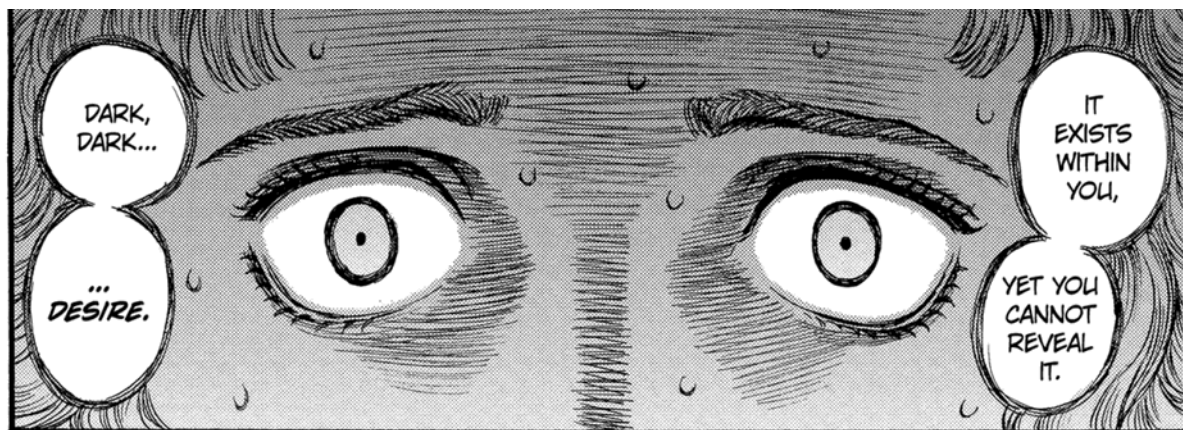
...THEN
WITHOUT
SIN?

ARE THE
POWERLESS
...



DON'T
DELUDE
YOURSELF
WITH FAIR
WORDS.

DON'T LIE,
DON'T
DECEIVE.



DARK,
DARK...

...
DESIRE.

IT
EXISTS
WITHIN
YOU,

YET YOU
CANNOT
REVEAL
IT.



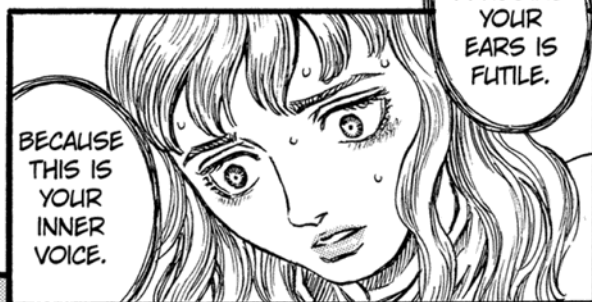
YOU
FELT IT
THEN.

WHILE YOU
THRASHED
THAT
MAN'S
STEEL
PHYSIQUE.

THEN.



NO...



EVEN
PLUGGING
YOUR
EARS IS
FUTILE.

BECAUSE
THIS IS
YOUR
INNER
VOICE.



THIS
MORBID
LUST.

YOU
KNOW
YOU
FELT IT.

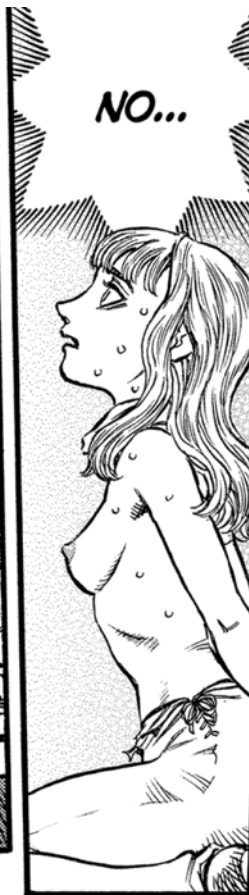
IT
SWELLS
WITHIN
YOU.



**I DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR
THIS!!**



...A
WAVE OF
PLEASURE
FILLED YOU.



NO...



AND
THEN...

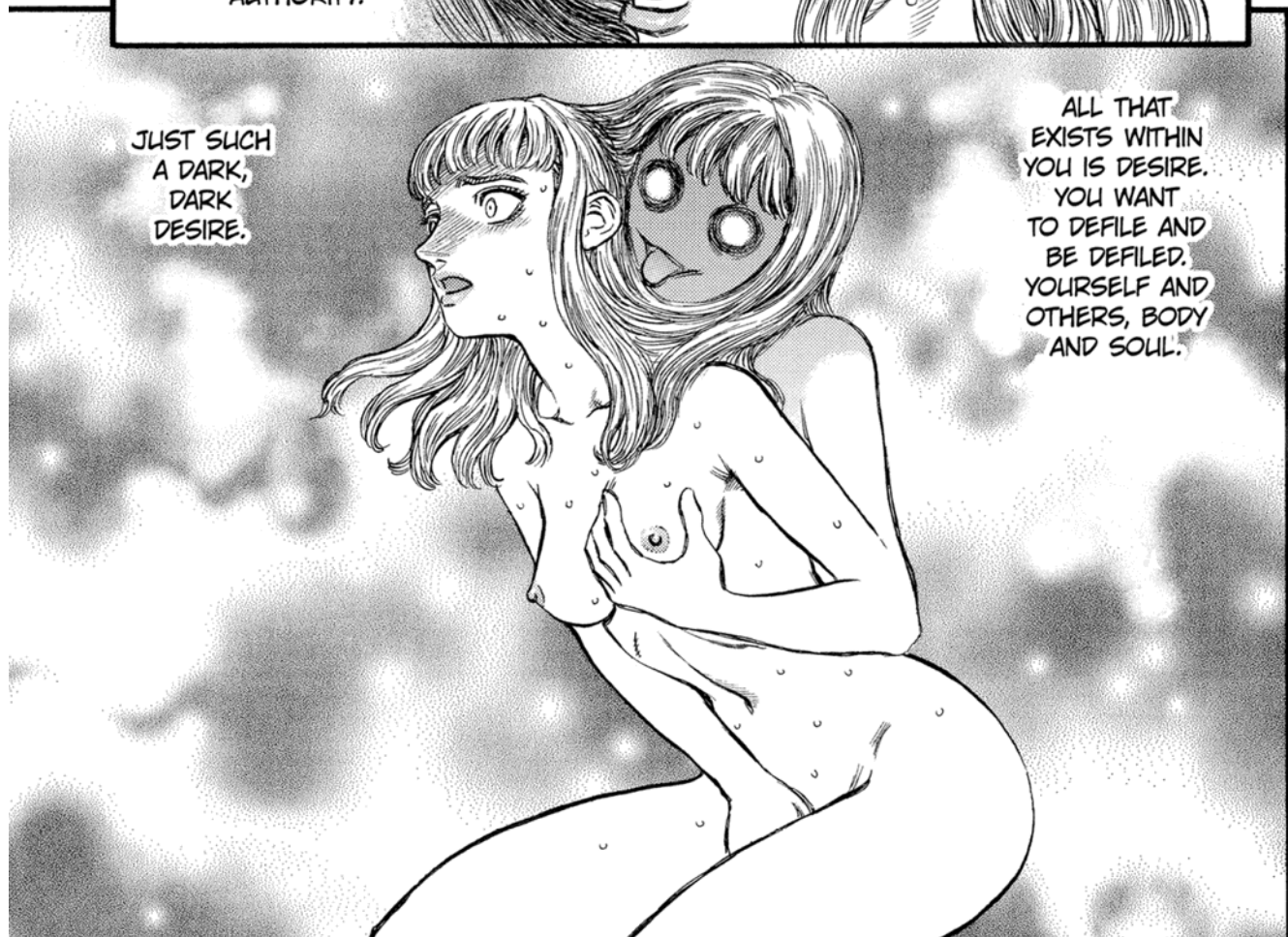
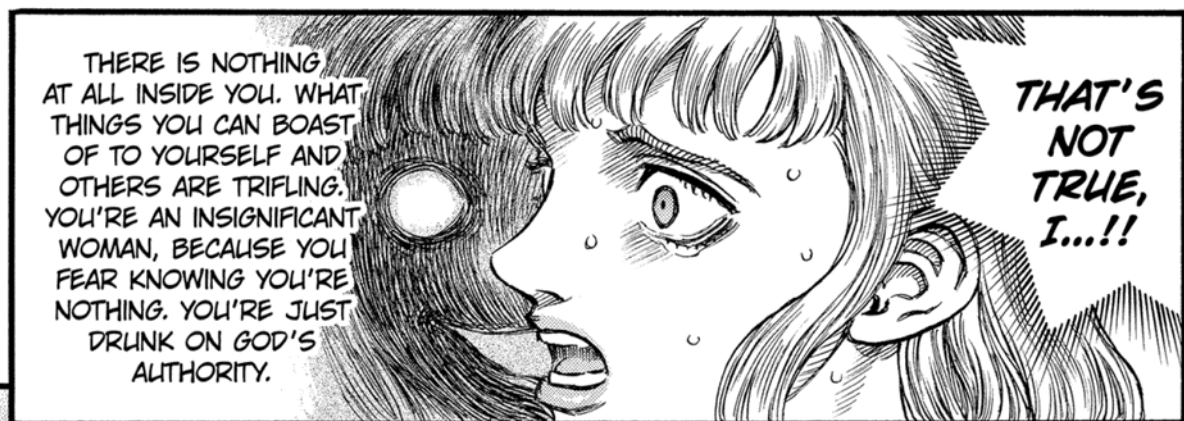
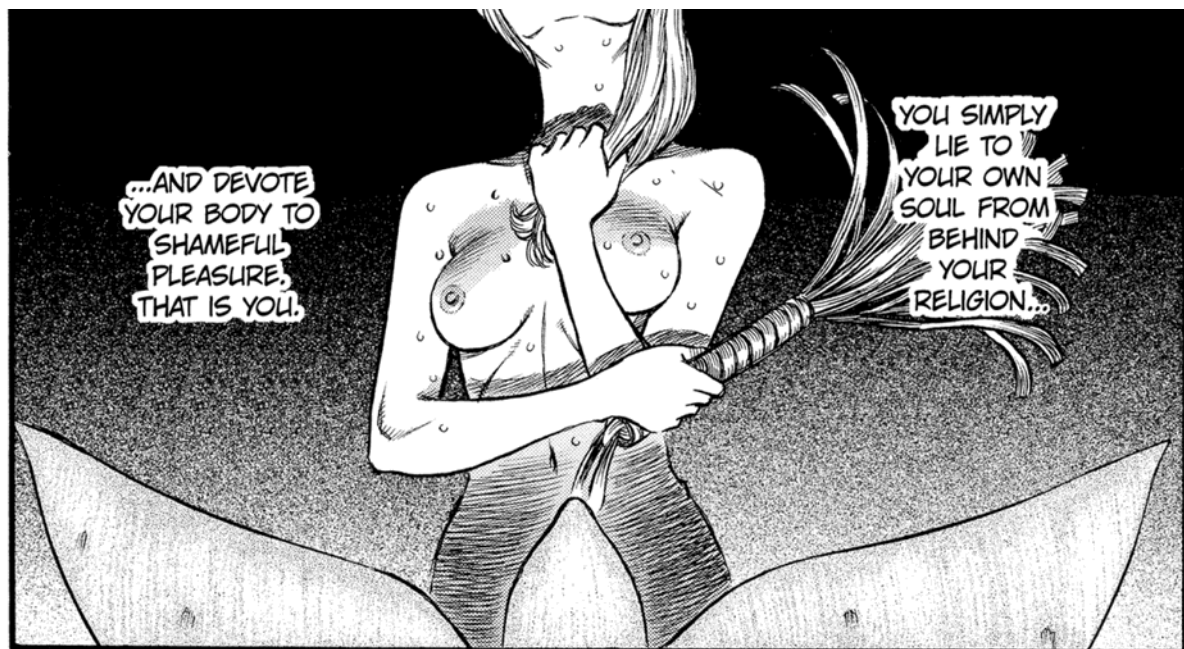
...AS THE
BLOOD
TRICKLED
FROM HIS
UNFLINCHING
FORM...

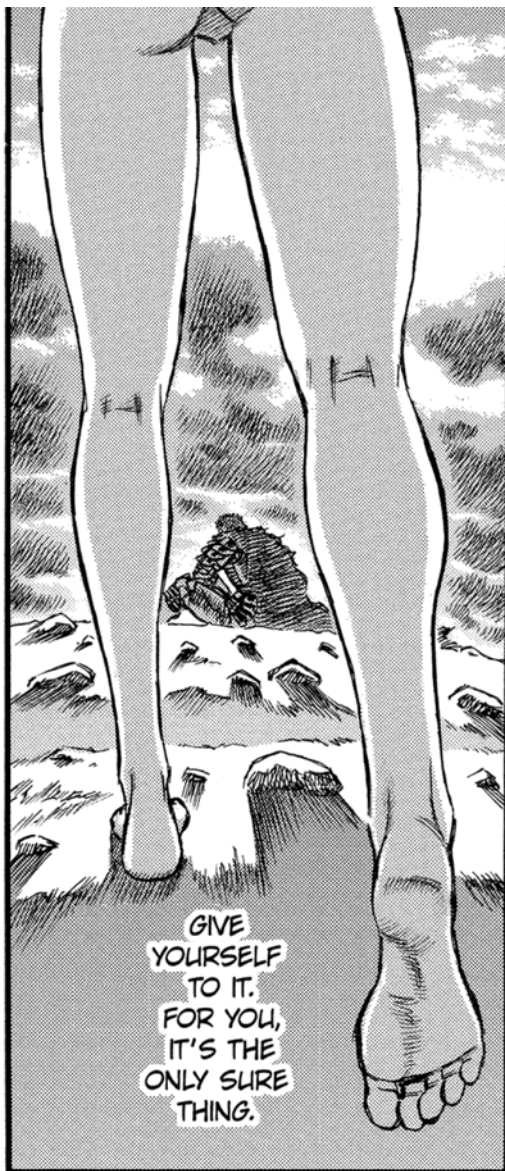
YOU WERE
CONSTANTLY
DISCOVERING
PLEASURE,
EVEN WITHIN
THAT PAIN.



THAT IS
NOT ALL.

WHEN YOU LASHED
YOURSELF, FEIGNING
INTROSPECTION,

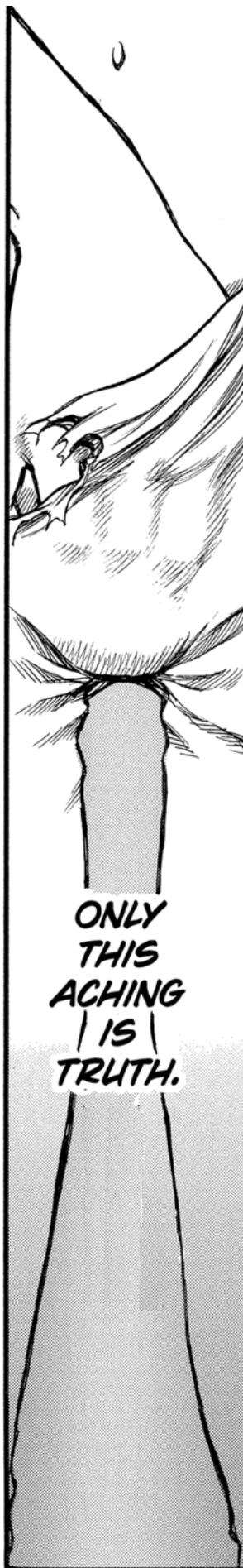




GIVE
YOURSELF
TO IT.
FOR YOU,
IT'S THE
ONLY SURE
THING.



YOU'RE
TOO FAR
FROM
GOD.

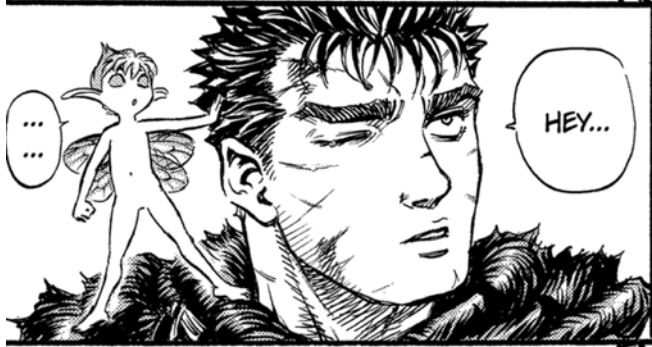
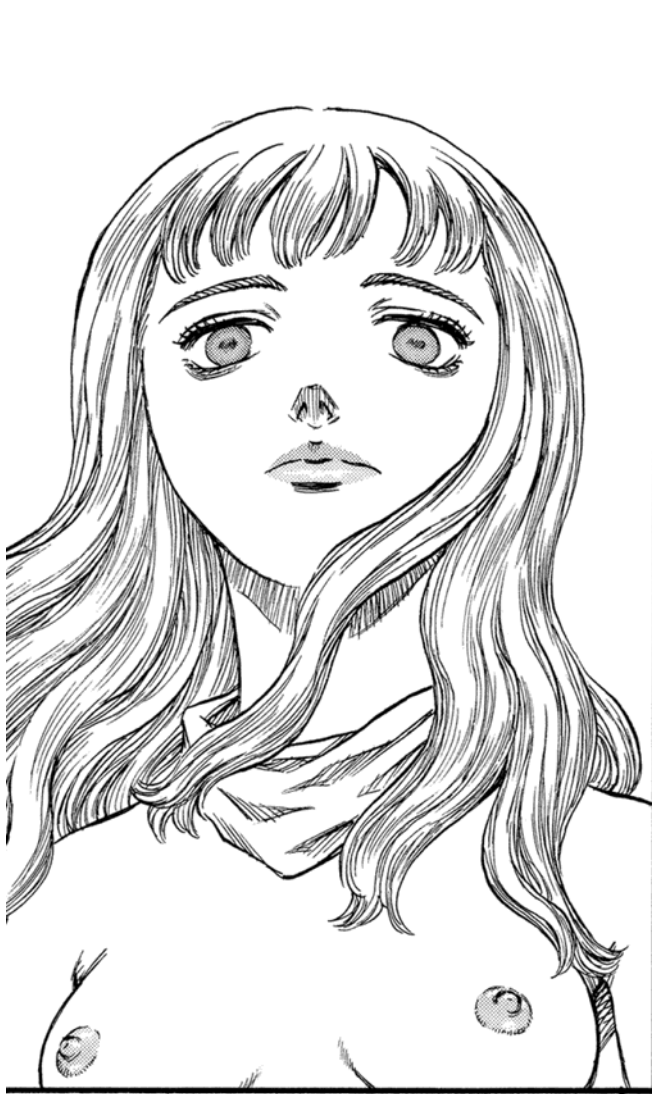


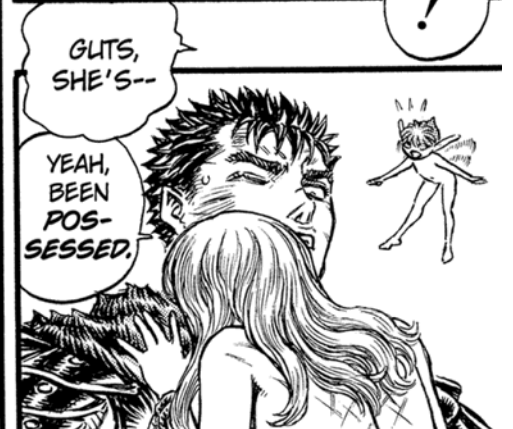
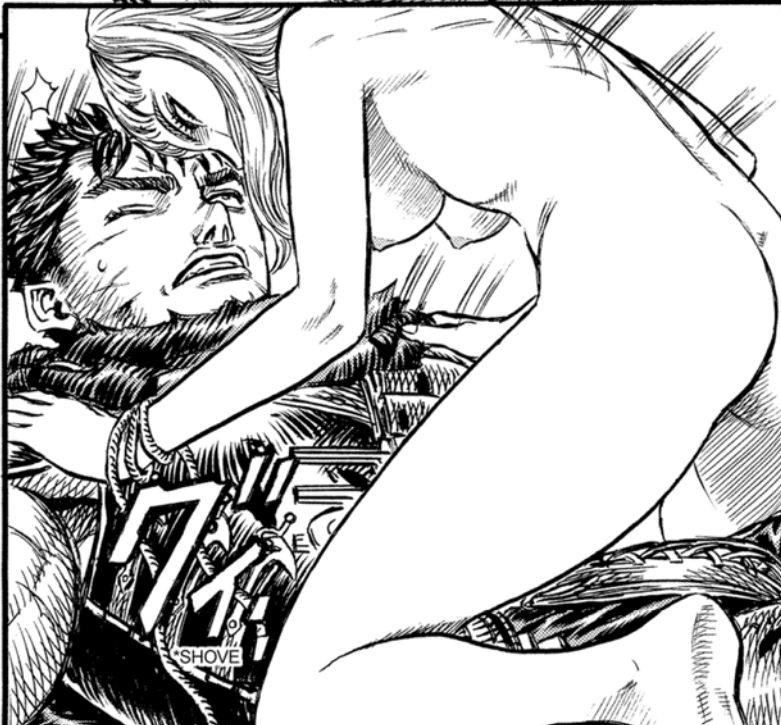
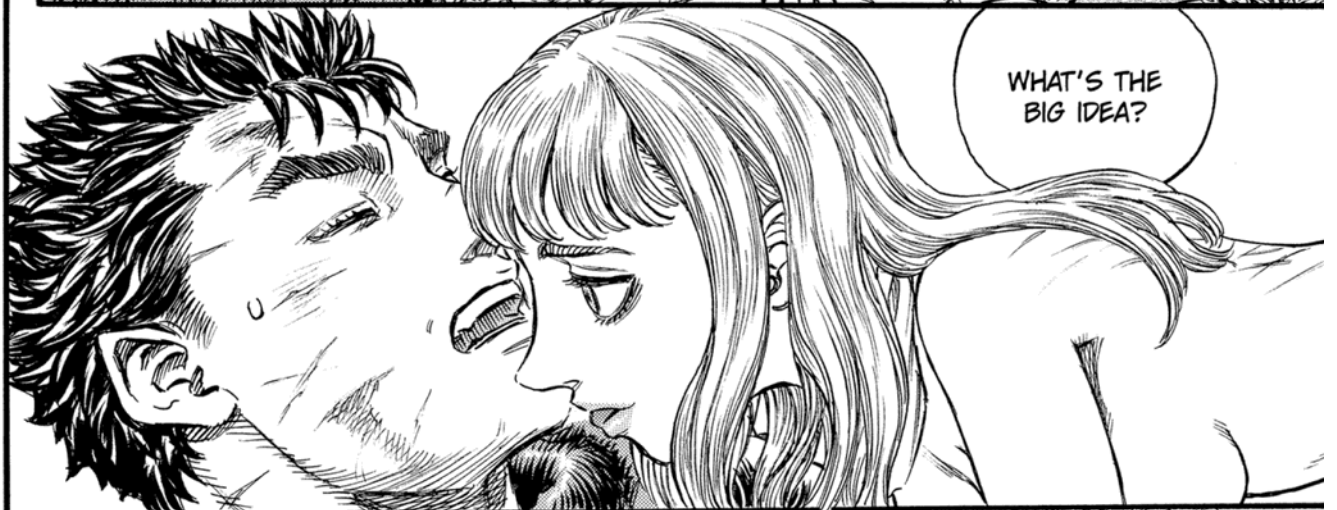
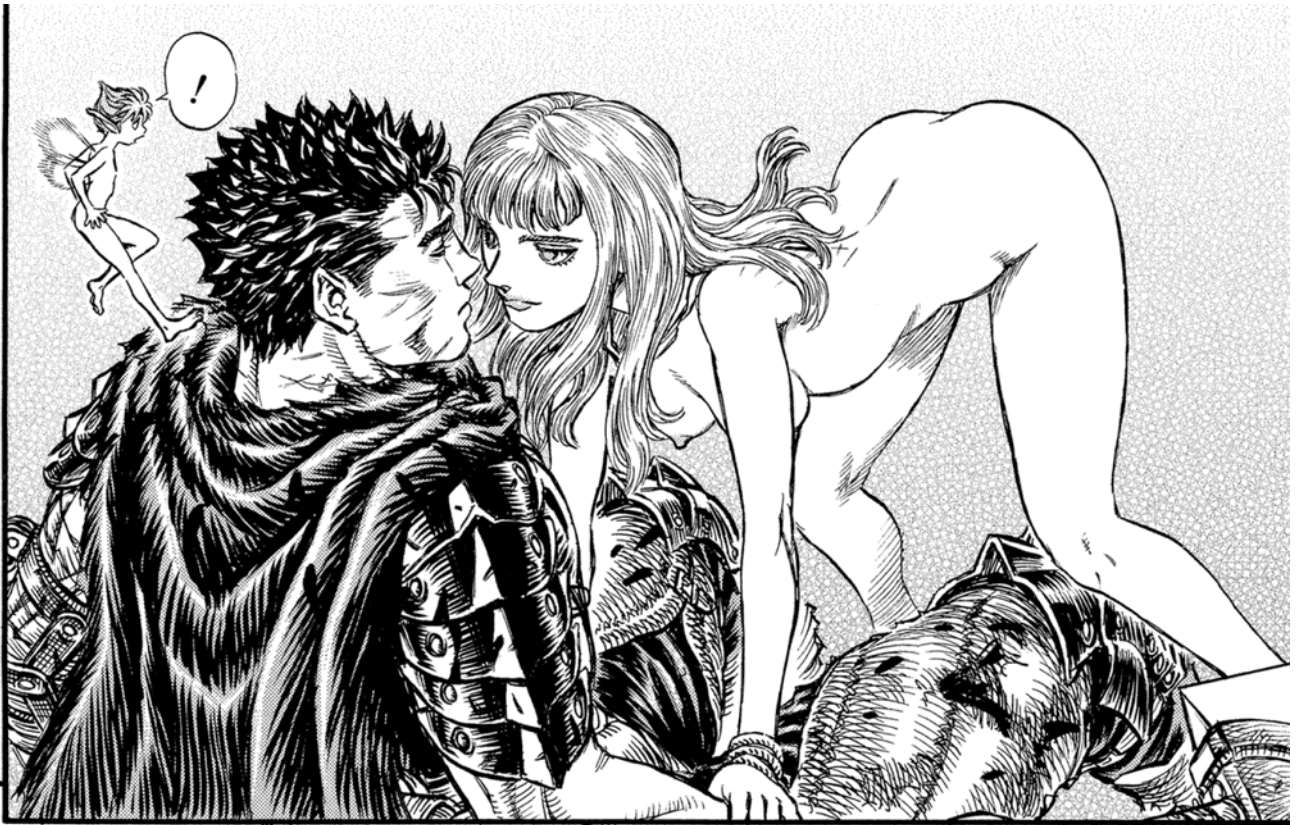
ONLY
THIS
ACHING
| IS |
TRUTH.

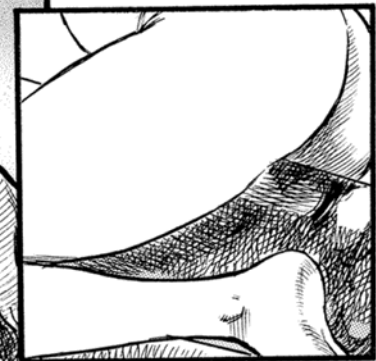
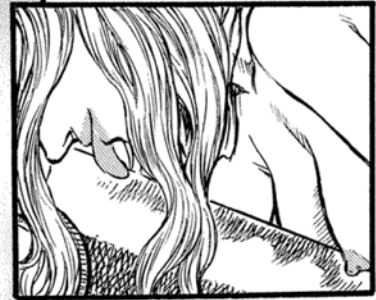
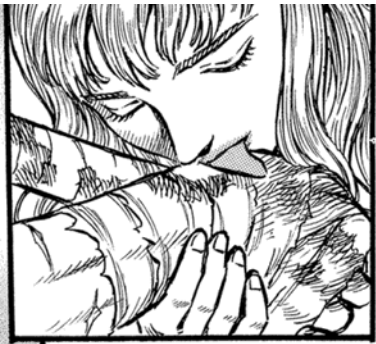
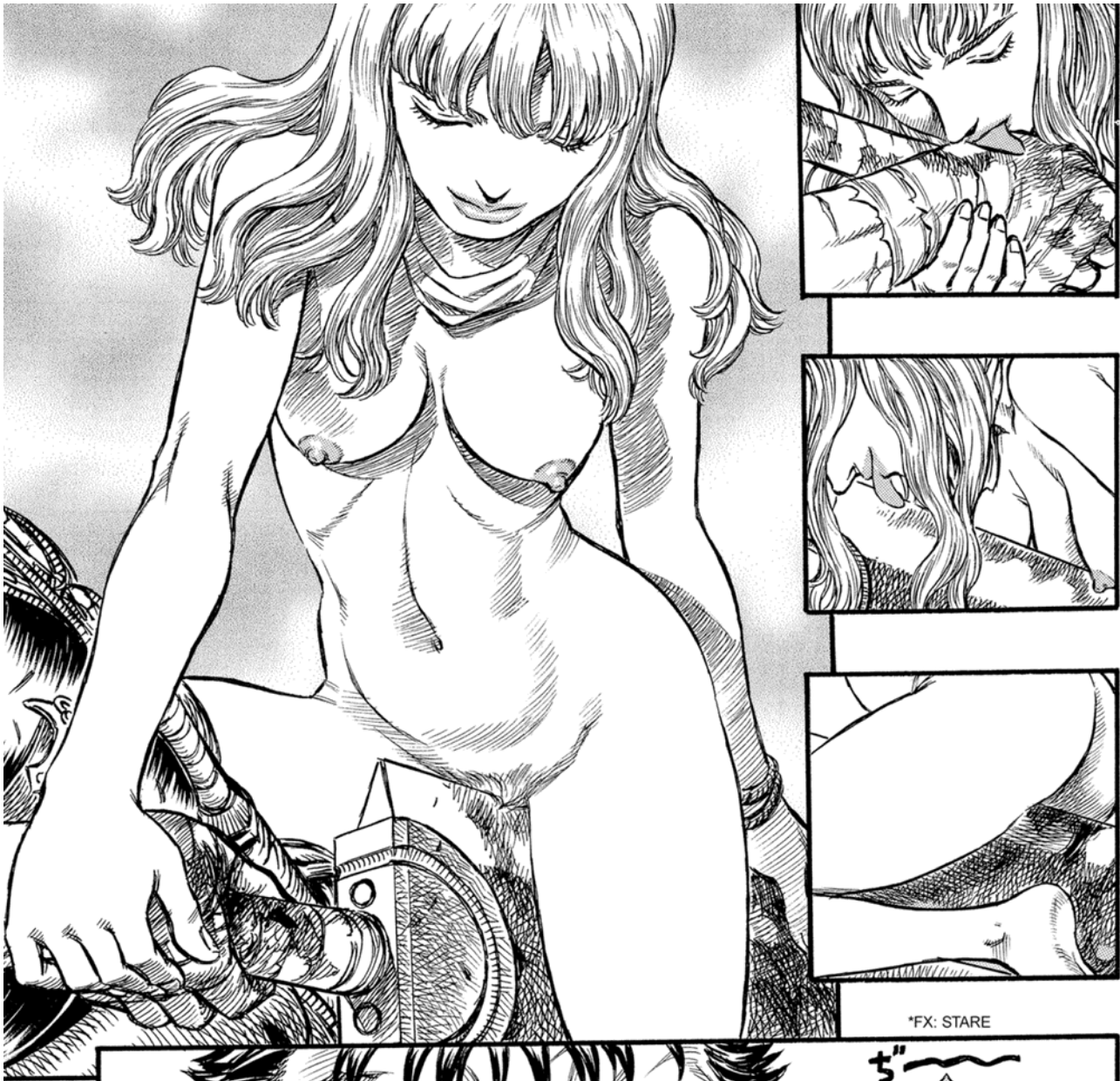


INSIDE
HERE...

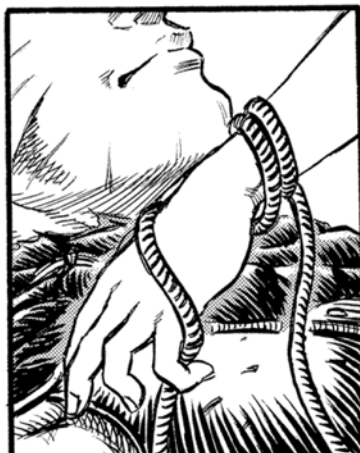
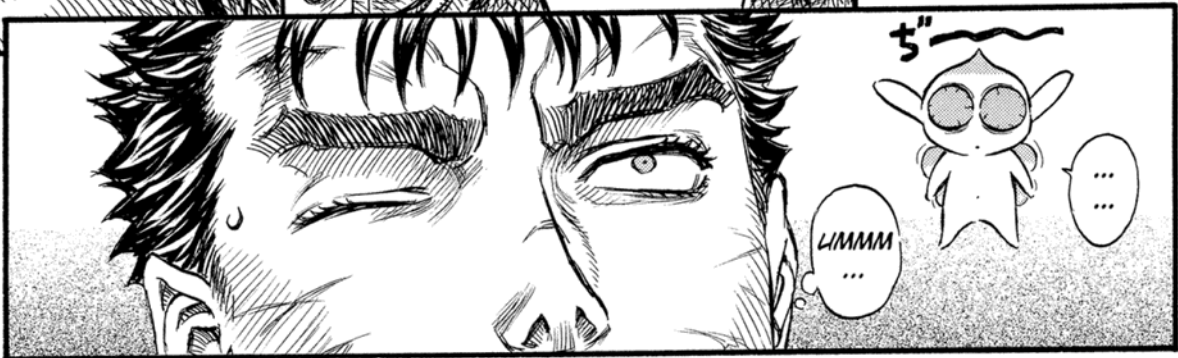
...THERE
IS NO
GOD.

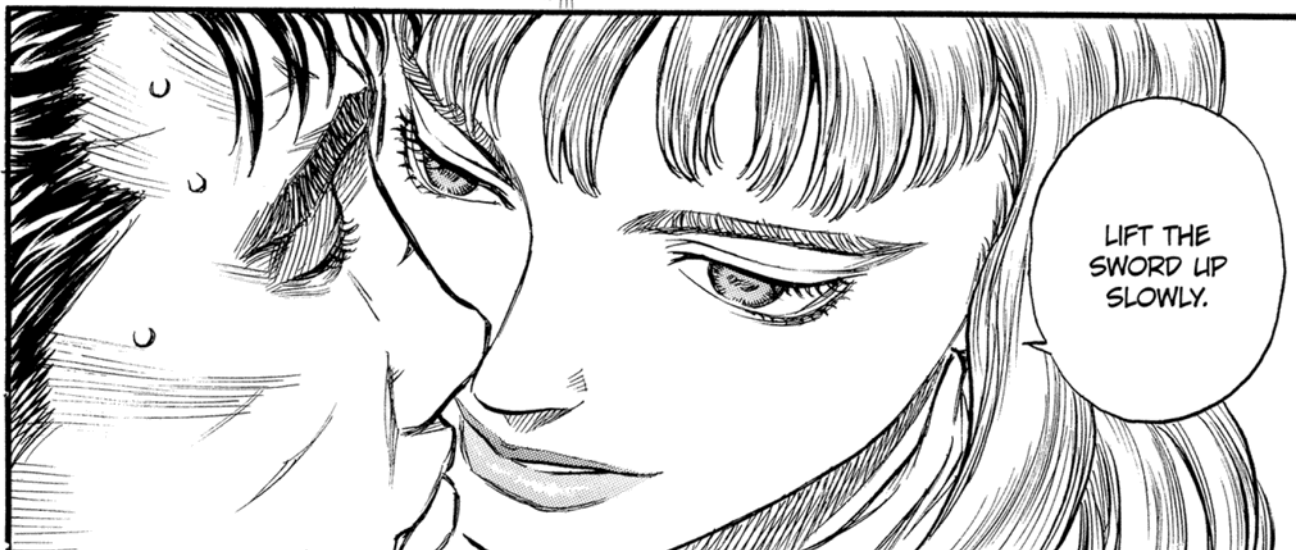
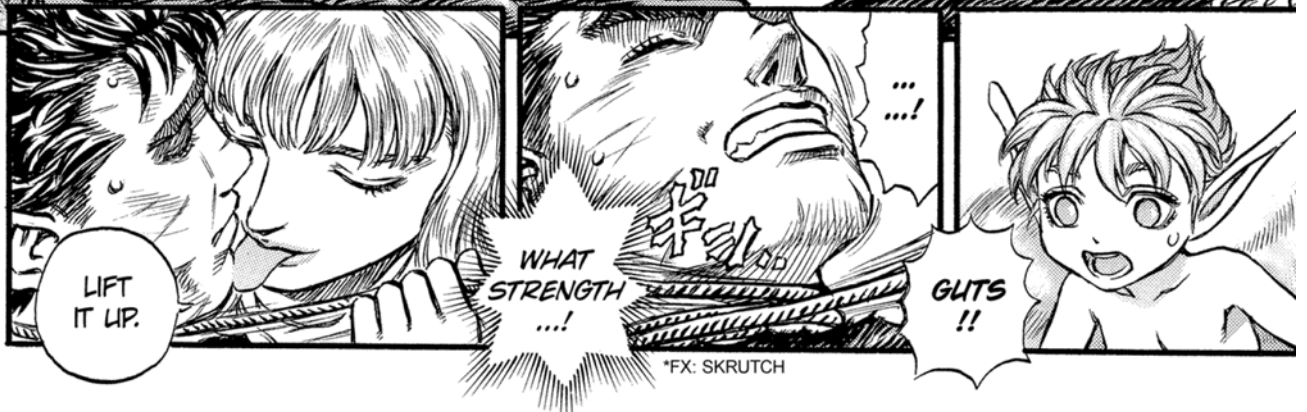
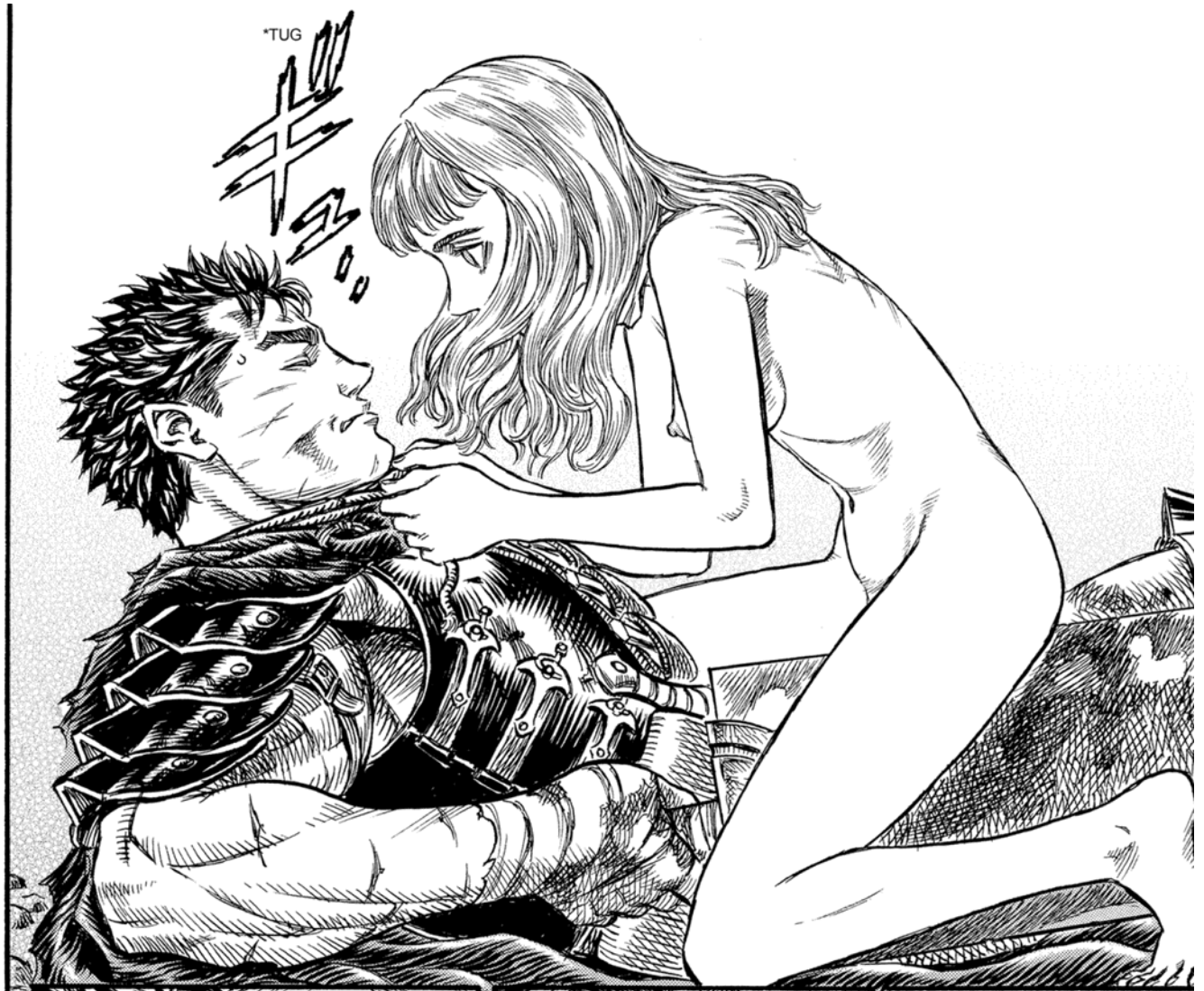


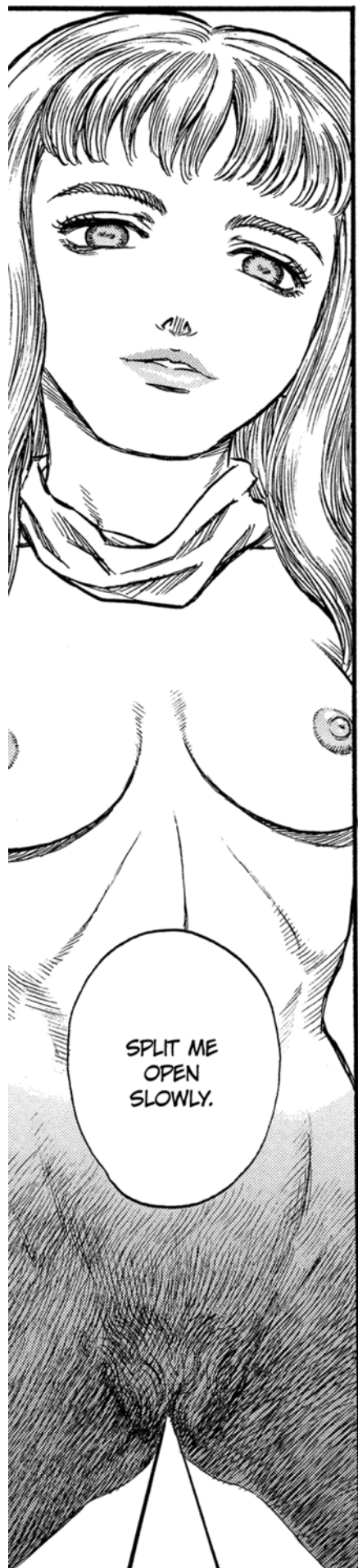


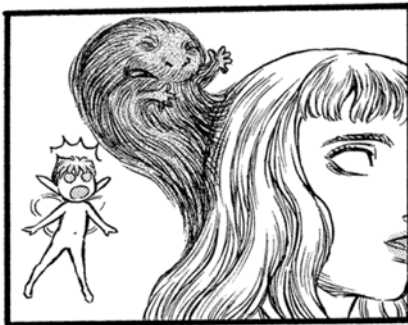
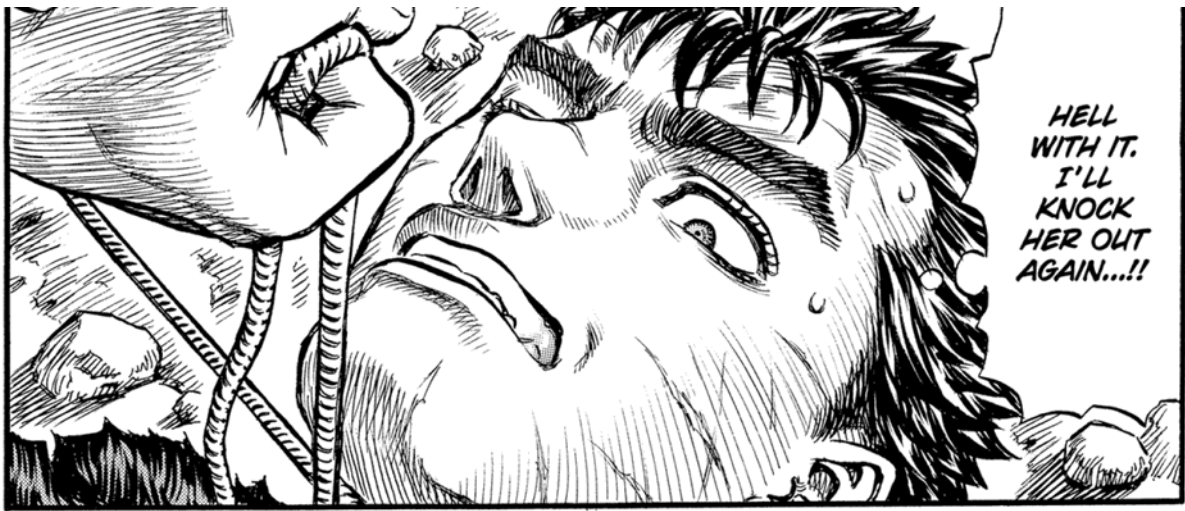


*FX: STARE

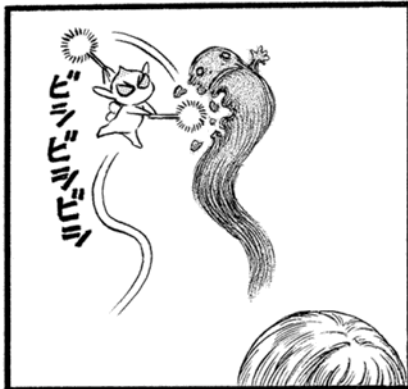




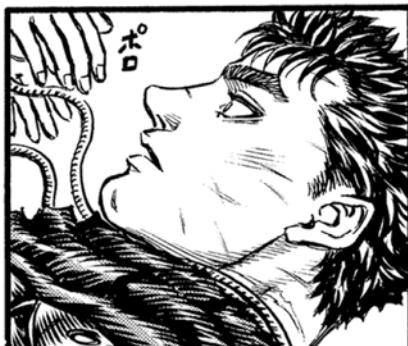


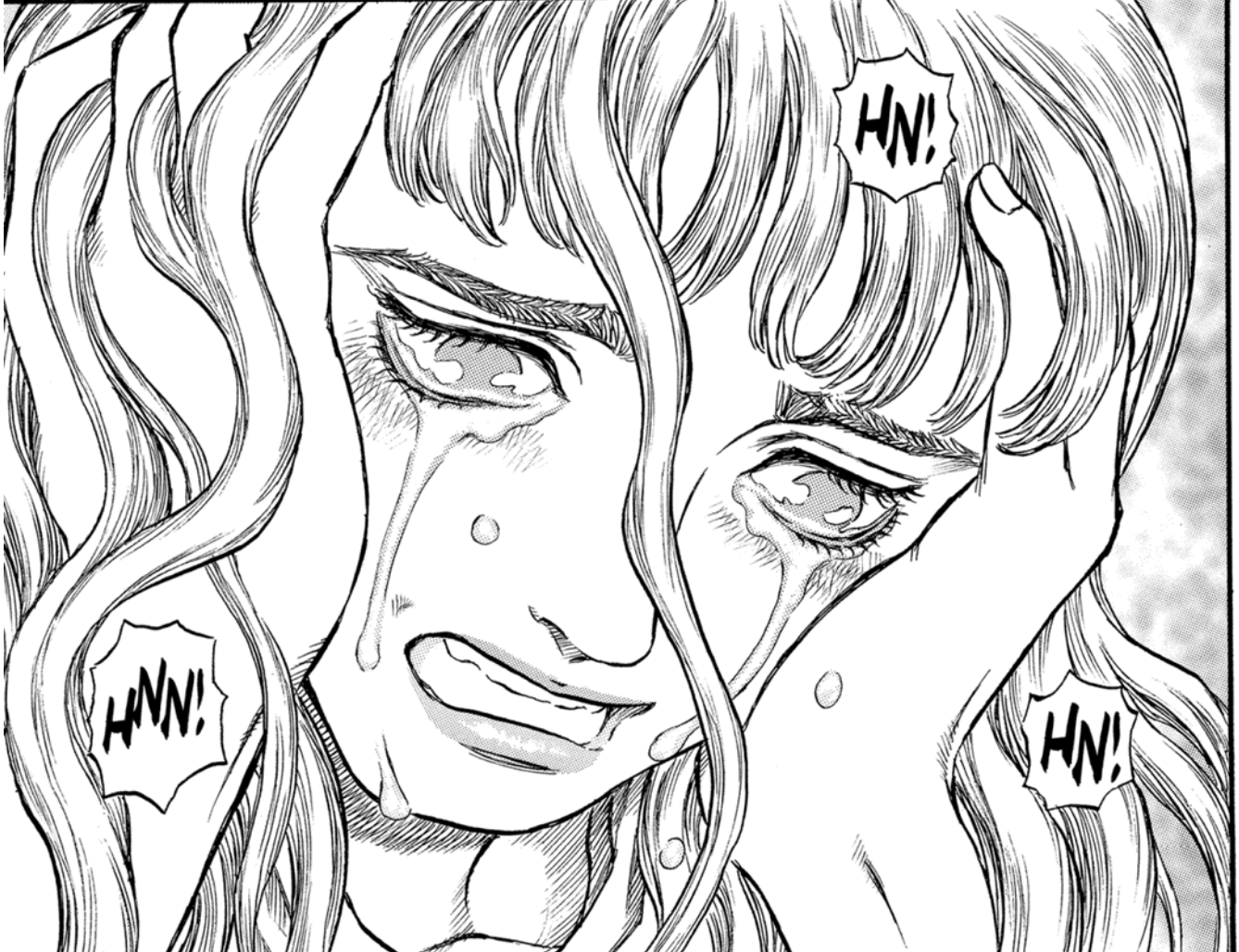


*FX: BISH BISH BISH



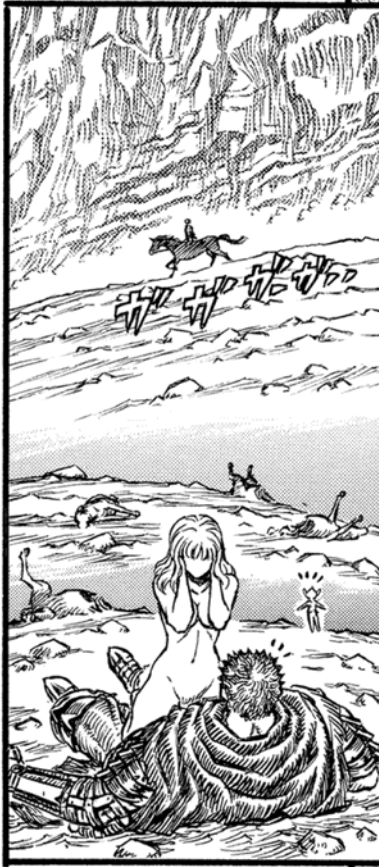
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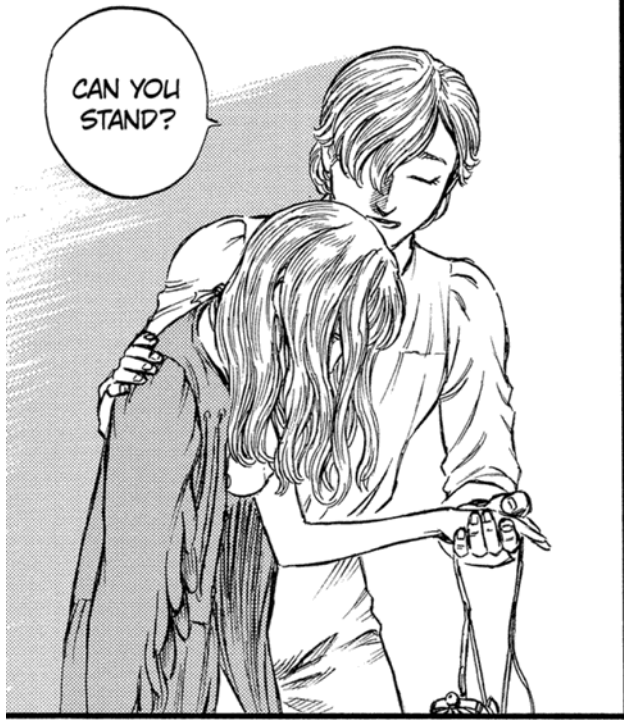






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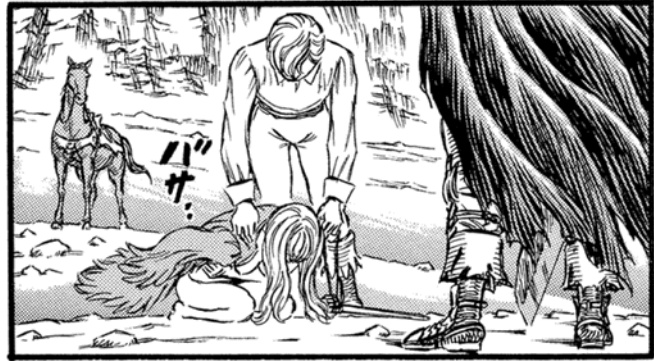




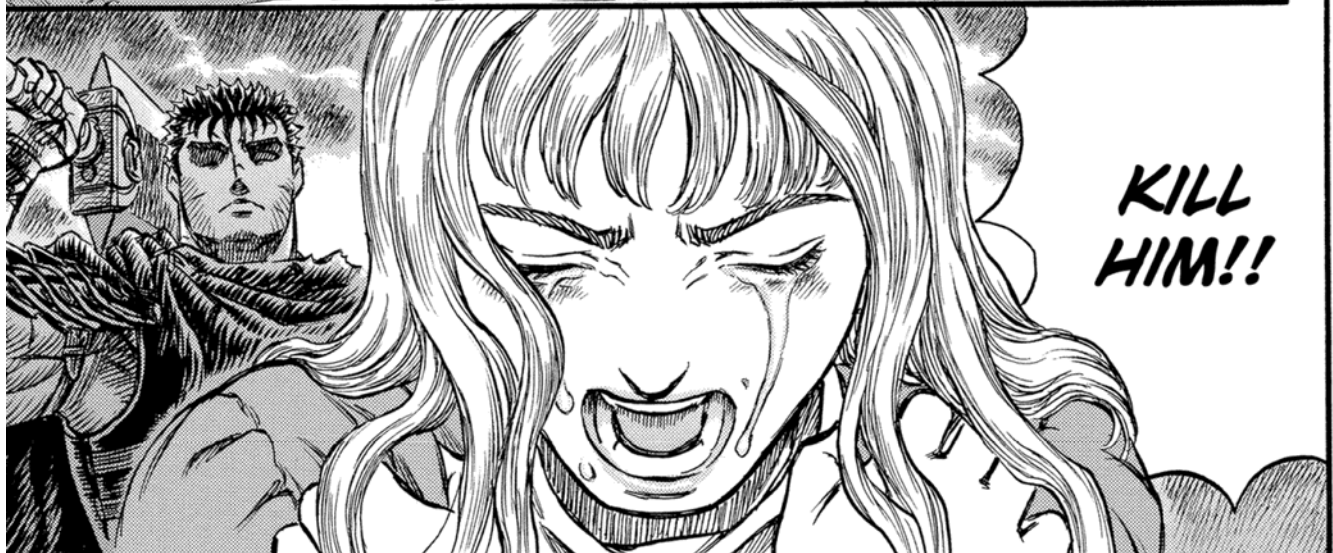
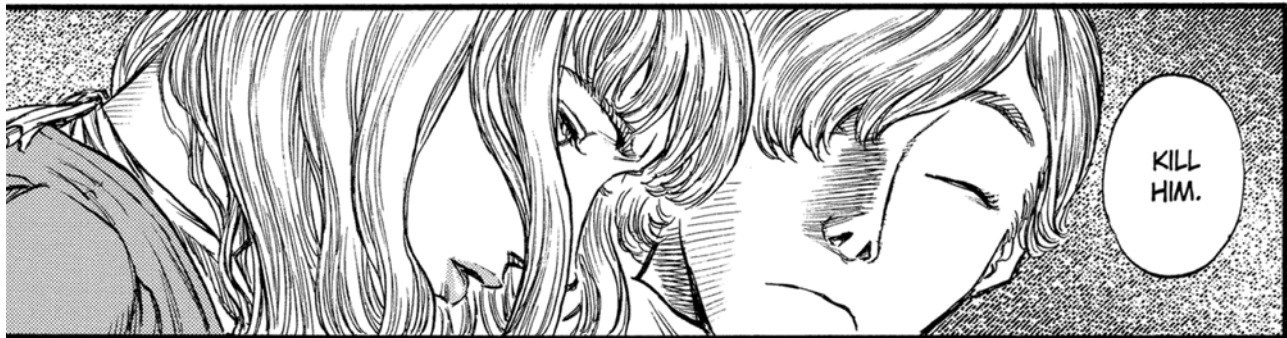
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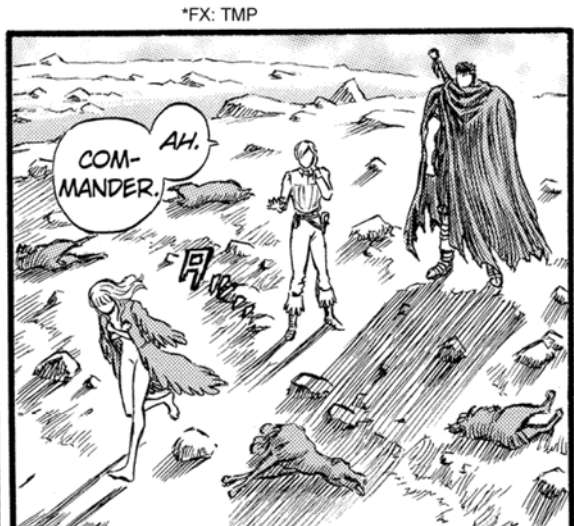
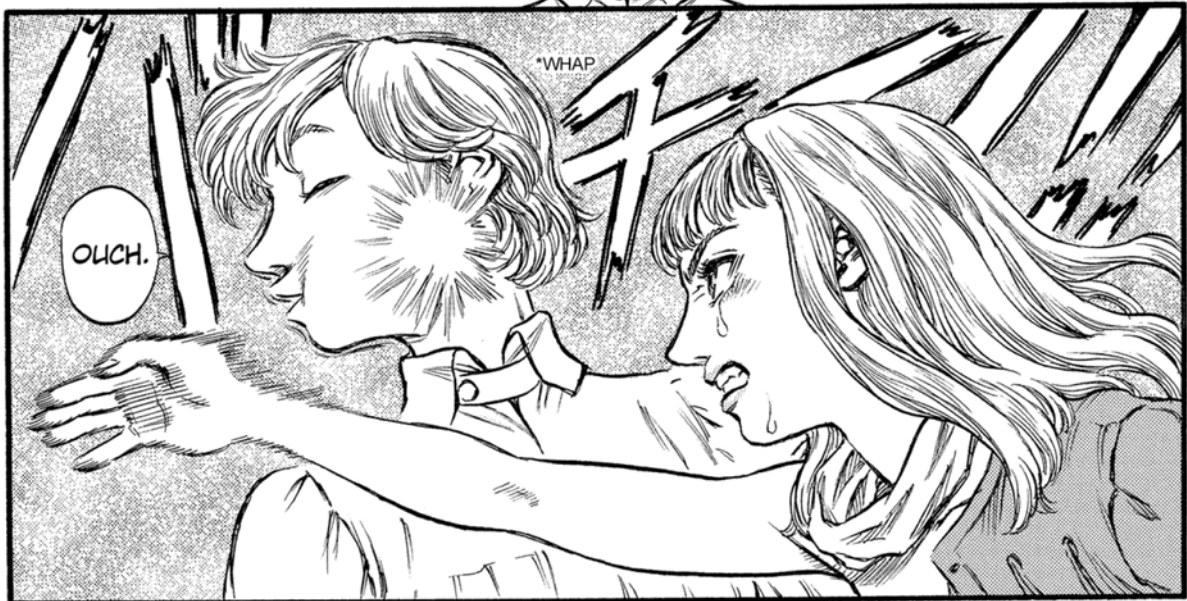
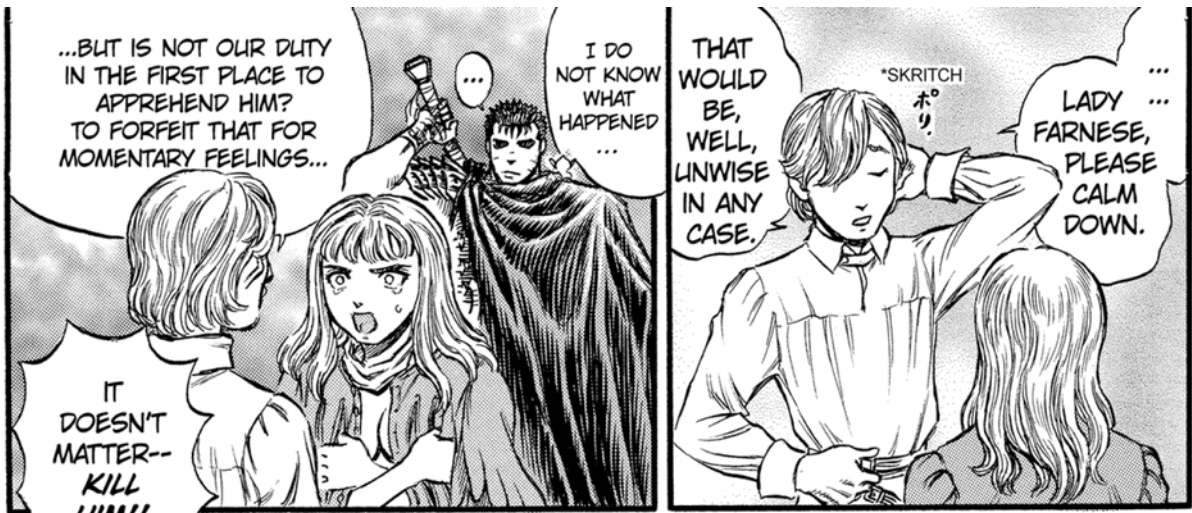


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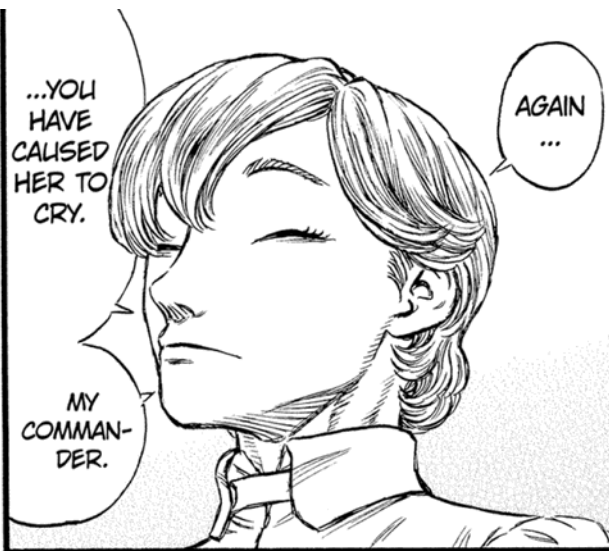
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DON'T
LOOK
AT ME.



...YOU
HAVE
CAUSED
HER TO
CRY.

MY
COMMAN-
DER.

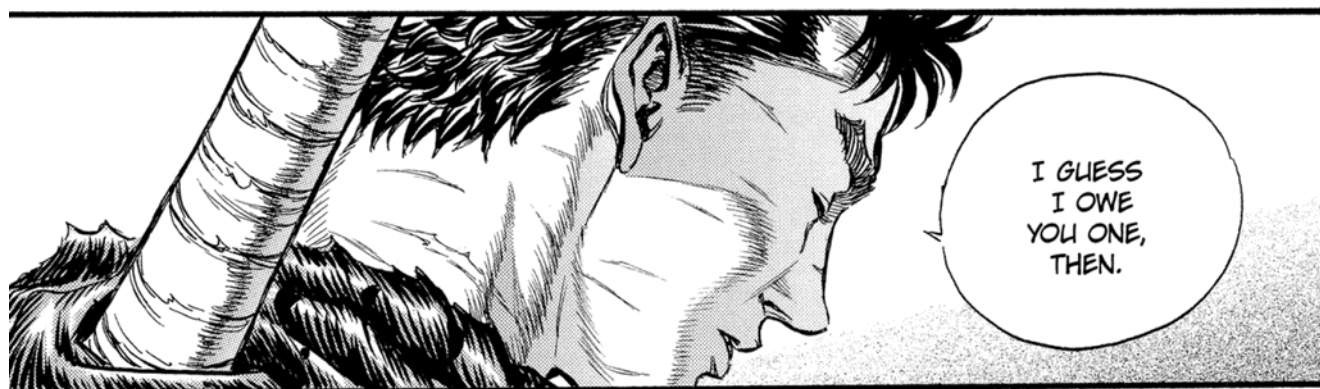
AGAIN
...



YOU JUST
HEARD THE
SITUATION.

AND HERE
I WILL
ASK YOUR
PARDON
FOR NOW.

IF YOU WOULD
BE WILLING
TO OVERLOOK
THINGS...



I GUESS
I OWE
YOU ONE,
THEN.



WHAT-
EVER.

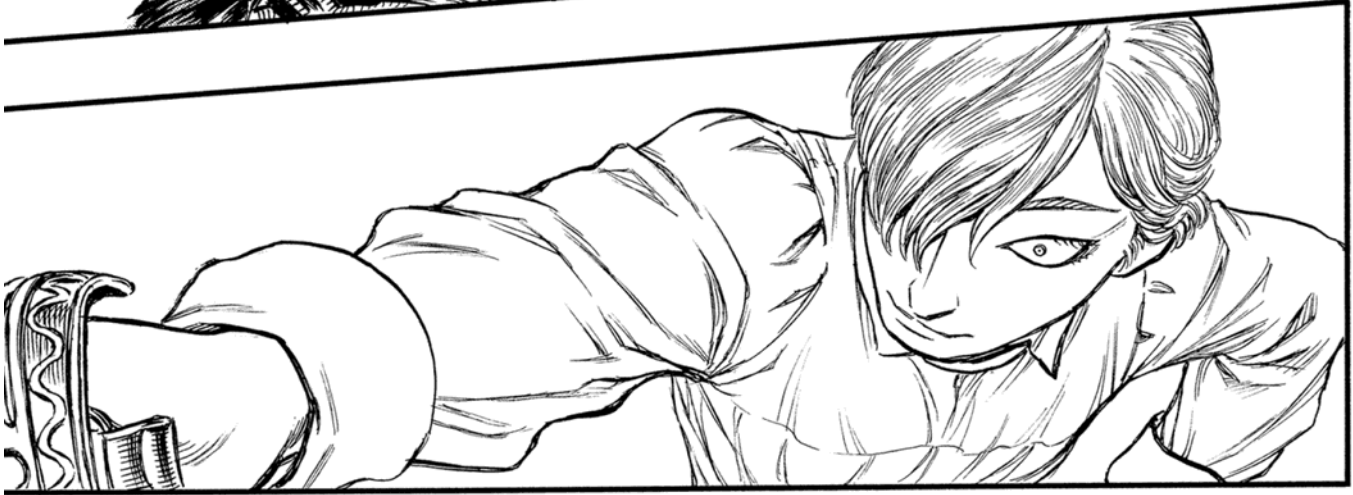
HEH!



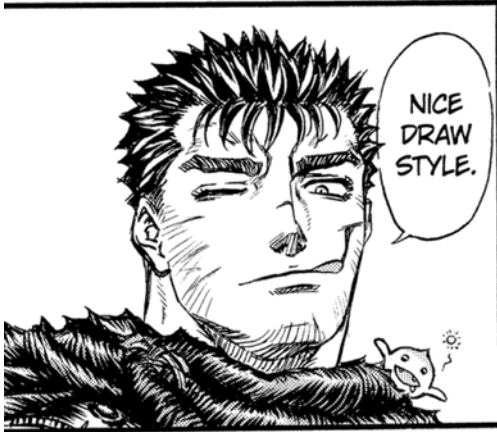
...YES.

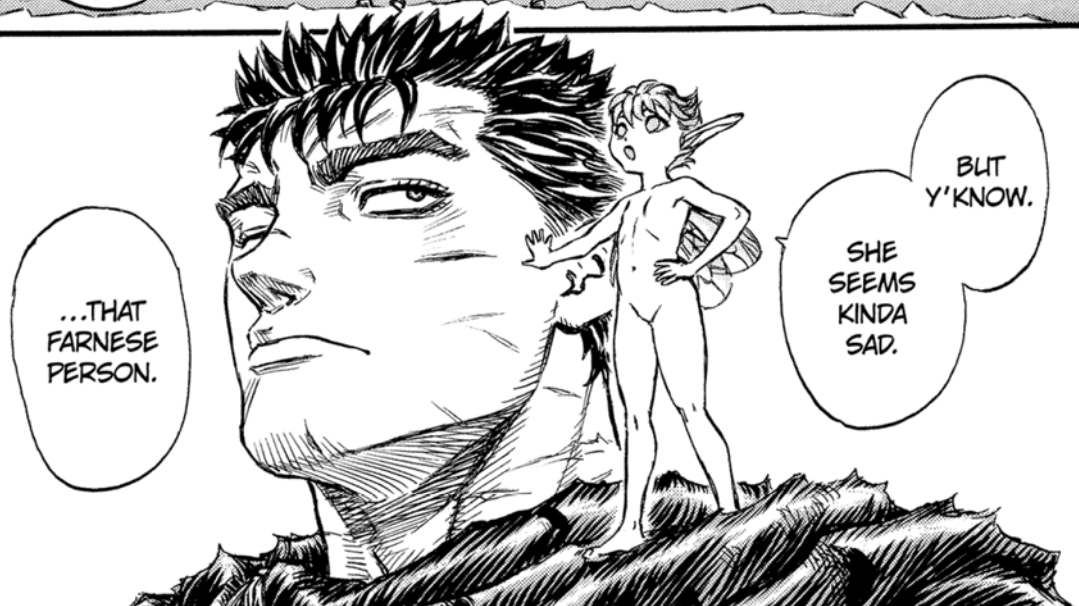
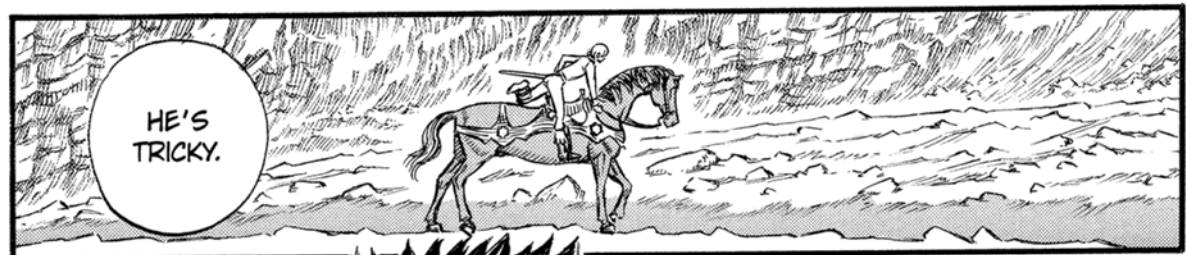
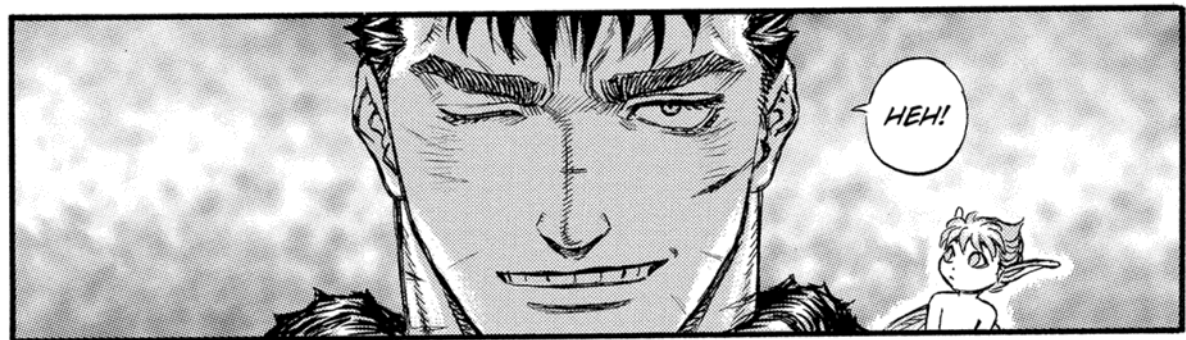
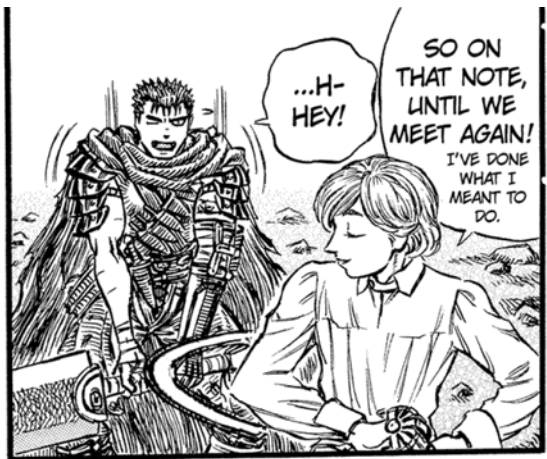
WELL.

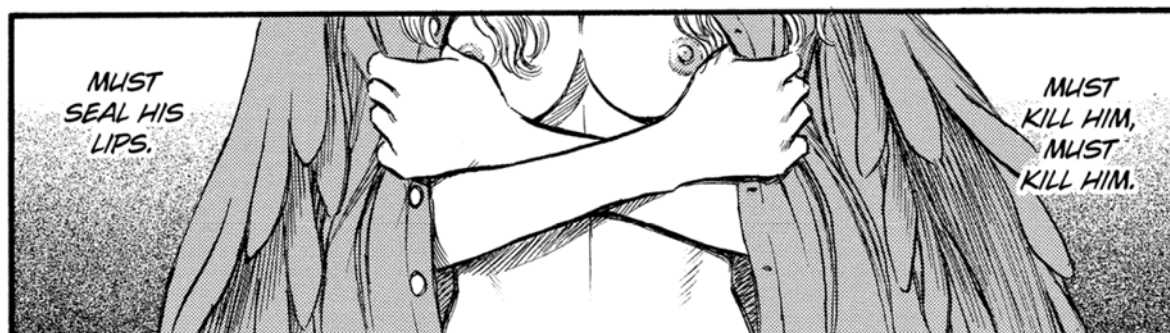
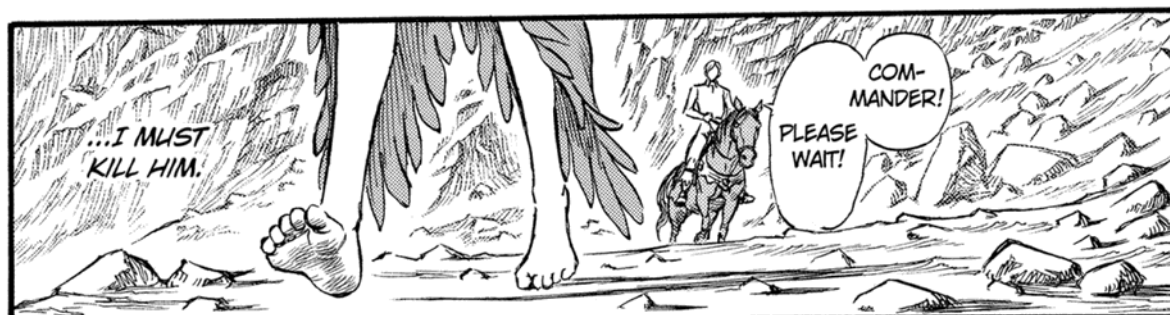
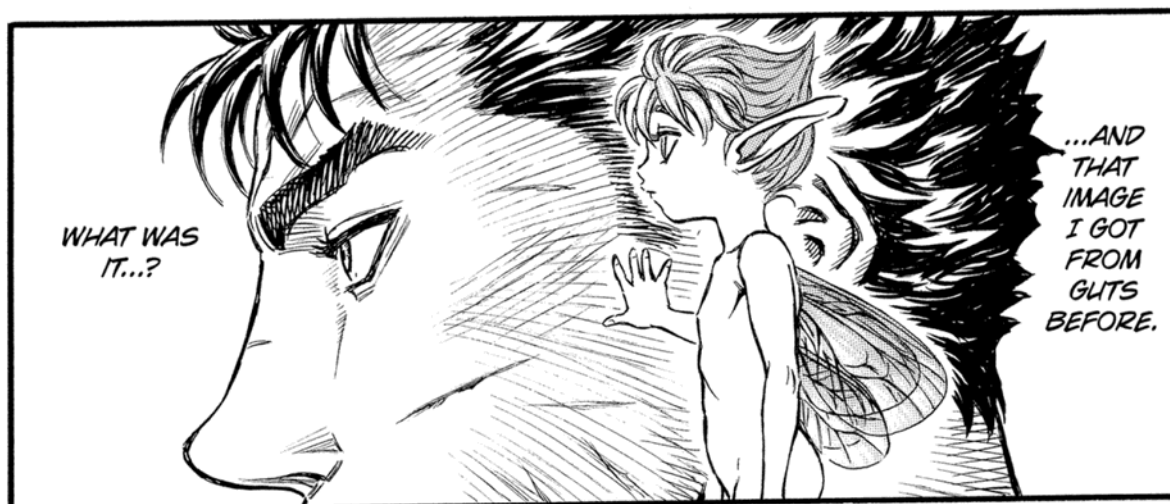




*FX: ZHF







IF HE'S
ALLOWED
TO LIVE...

IF HE...

THEN
I...

CONVICTION ARC |
BINDING CHAIN CHAPTER
- MORNING OF TRUTH: END

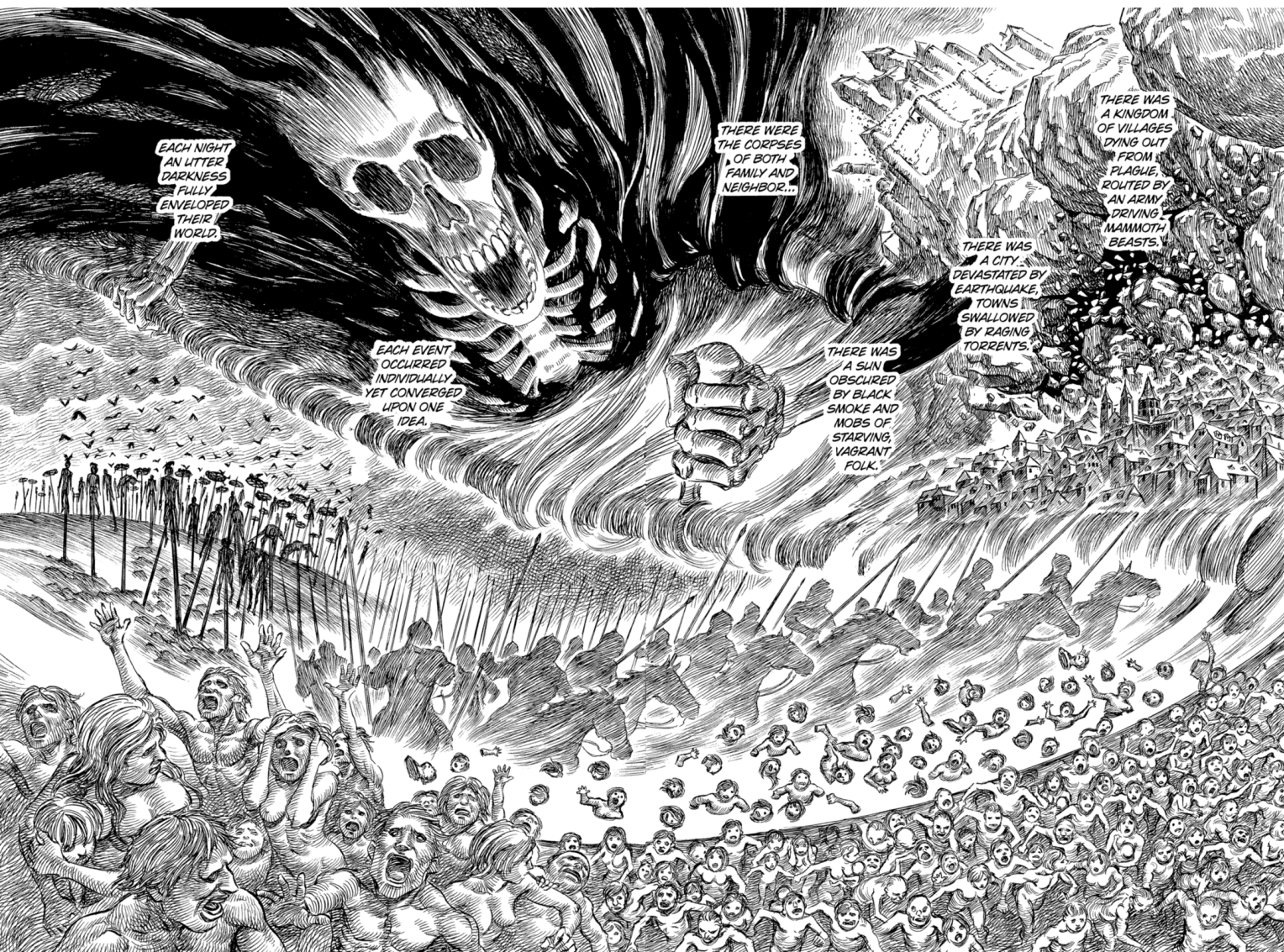




*THE PEOPLE
SAW IT IN
THEIR SLEEP.*

**CONVICTION/ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY/CHAPTER
REVELATIONS, PART 1**

**断罪篇
生誕祭の章
啓示①**



EACH NIGHT
AN UTTER
DARKNESS
FULLY
ENVELOPED
THEIR
WORLD.

EACH EVENT
OCCURRED
INDIVIDUALLY
YET CONVERGED
UPON ONE
IDEA.

THERE WERE
THE CORPSES
OF BOTH
FAMILY AND
NEIGHBOR...

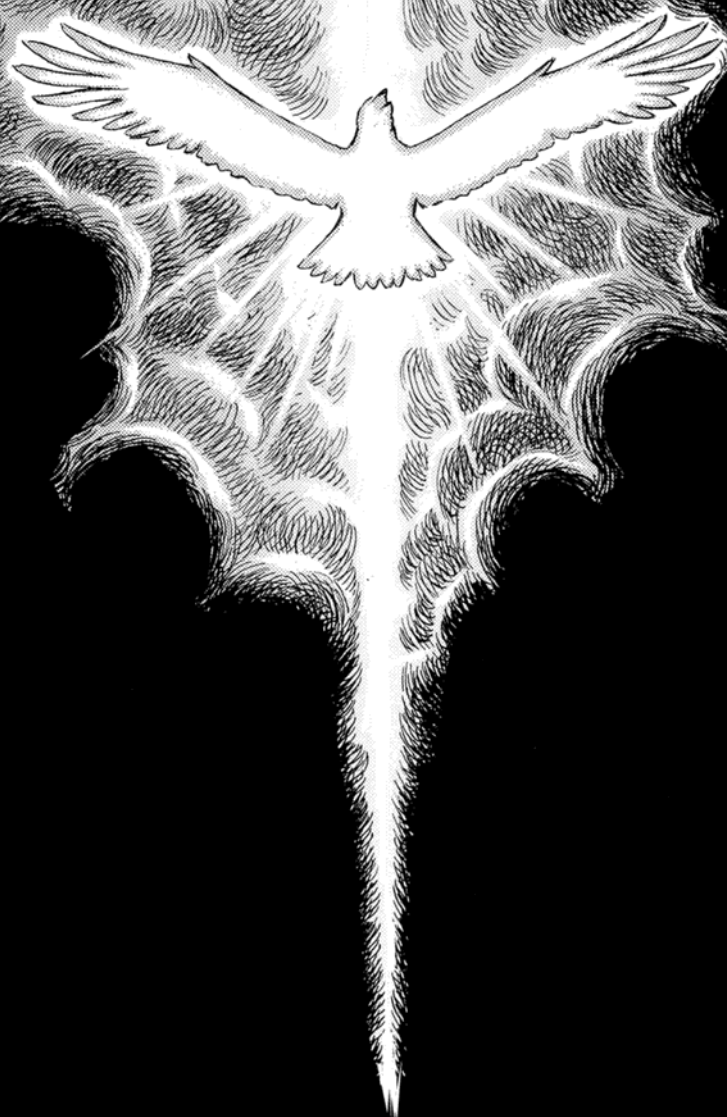
THERE WAS
A SUN
OBSCURED
BY BLACK
SMOKE AND
MOBS OF
STARVING,
VAGRANT
FOLK.

THERE WAS
A CITY...
DEVASTATED BY
EARTHQUAKE,
TOWNS
SWALLOWED
BY RAGING
TORRENTS.

THERE WAS
A KINGDOM
OF VILLAGES
DYING OUT
FROM
PLAGUE,
ROUTED BY
AN ARMY
DRIVING
MAMMOTH
BEASTS.

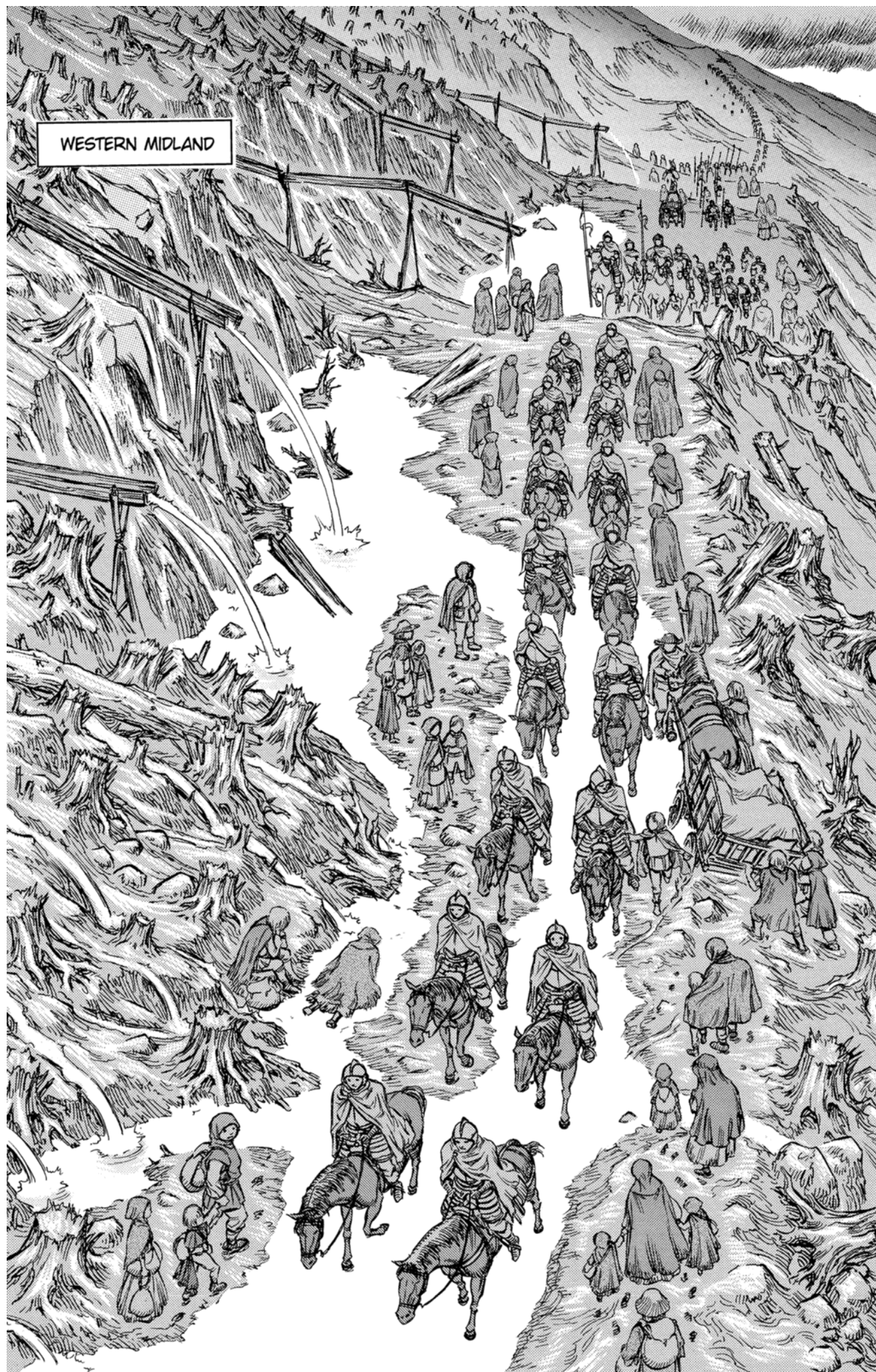
A SINGLE,
SHINING HAWK,
SLUNDERING
THE THICK
DARKNESS,
ALIGHTING
UPON THE
BLOODSTAINED
LAND.

THEN, AMIDST
SUCH DISCORD,
THEY CAUGHT
SIGHT OF IT.



THEY BELIEVED
INSTINCTIVELY:
THIS WAS THEIR
"DESIRED."

WESTERN MIDLAND





WHAT A
DREADFUL
SIGHT.



ALL THAT
REMAINS
ARE BARE
MOUNTAINS.

DURING TIMES
OF WAR, THE
STONE AND
LUMBER IN THIS
AREA WAS CUT
AND QUARRIED
EN MASSE TO
BUILD FORTS
AND THE LIKE.

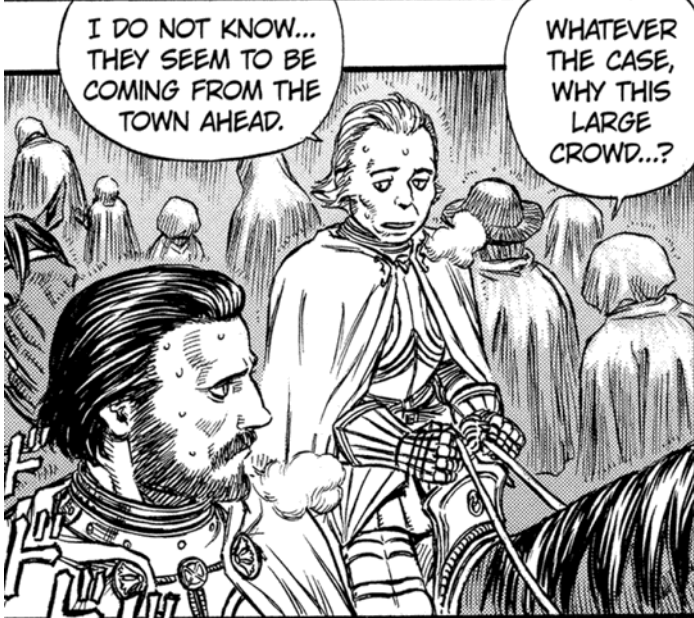
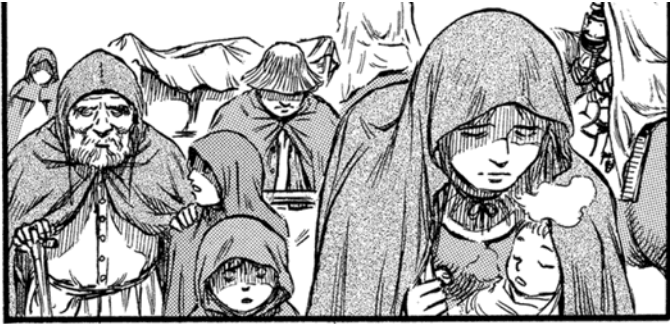


HEY.

I DO LOOK
FORWARD TO SOME
STRONG DRINK
AT THE INN
THIS EVENING,
LORD LABAN.

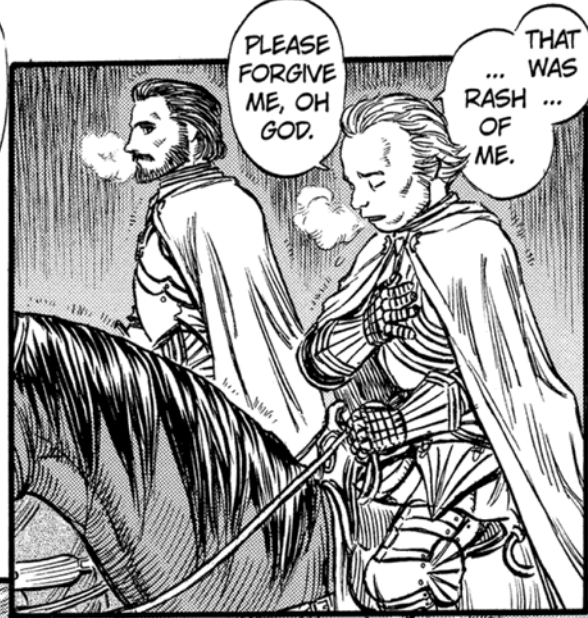
BUT
STILL...
THIS RAIN.





I DO NOT KNOW...
THEY SEEM TO BE
COMING FROM THE
TOWN AHEAD.

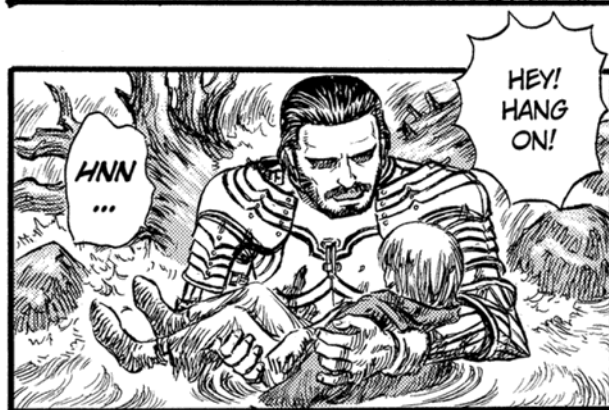
WHATEVER
THE CASE,
WHY THIS
LARGE
CROWD...?

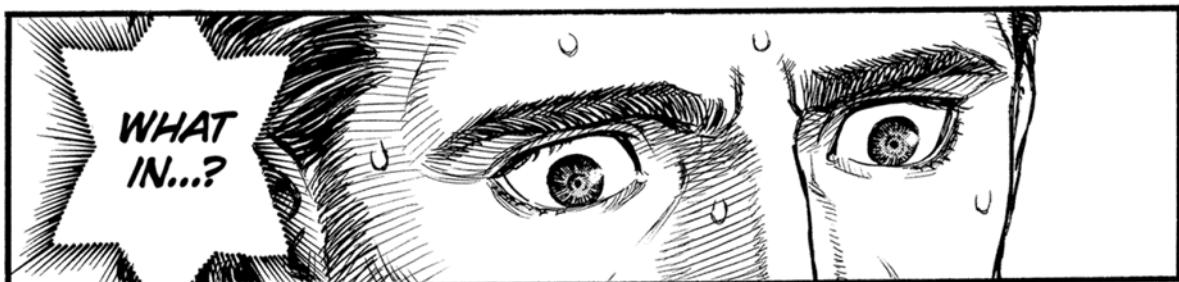
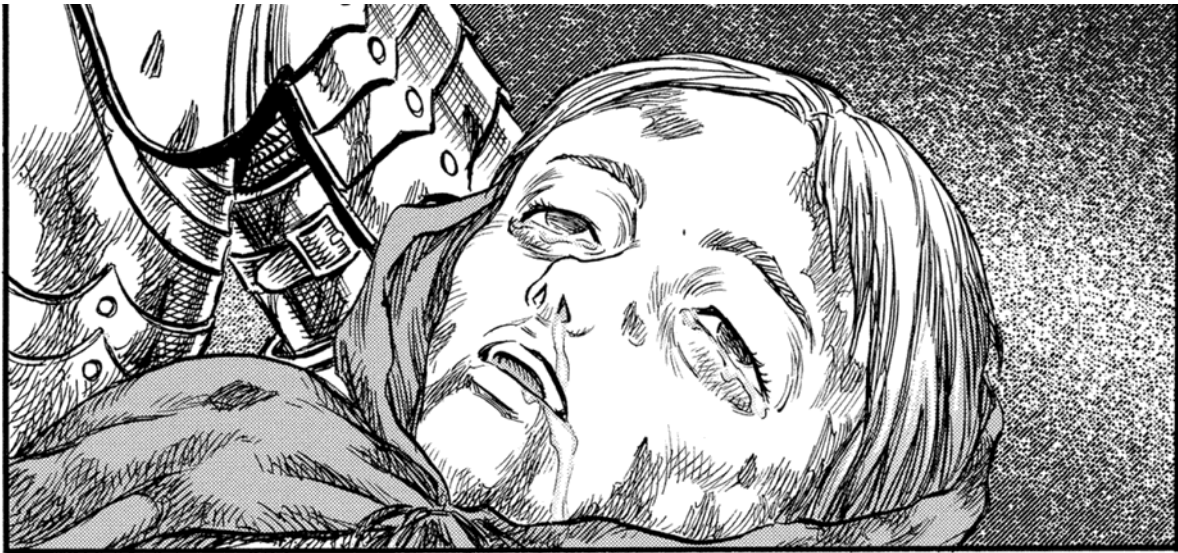


PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME, OH
GOD.

THAT
WAS
...
RASH ...
OF
ME.







WHAT
IN...?



I'LL RETURN
SOON. PUT THE
WOUNDED IN THE
COVERED WAGON,
AND TREAT THE
PEASANTS TO
SOMETHING
WARM.

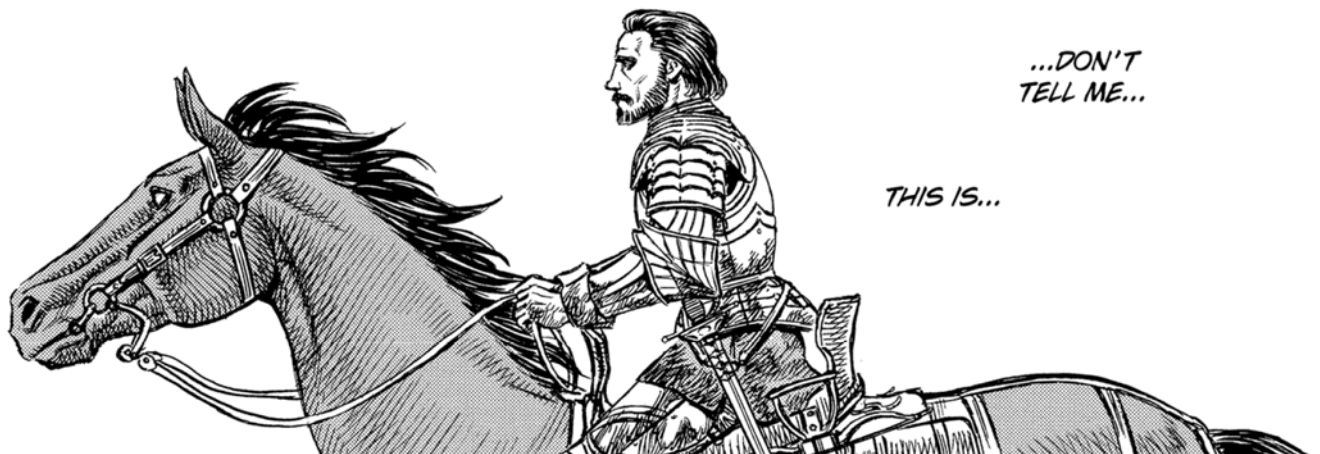
...MEANING
WHAT?
EXCELLENCY,
WHERE
ARE...?!

ADJUTANT, TAKE
CARE OF THIS MESS.
SHOULD YOU FINISH
THE WORK BEFORE
I RETURN, HAVE ALL
FORCES STAND
BY...AND KEEP THE
PEASANTS HERE,
TOO.



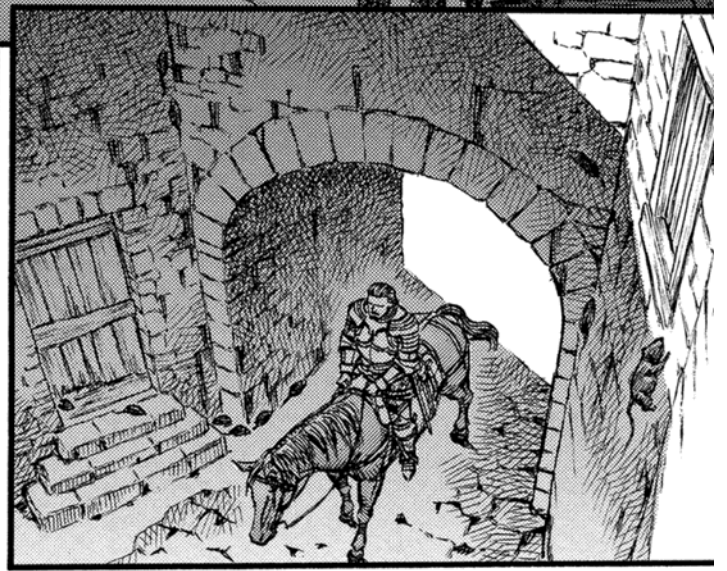
I'M
BORROWING
THIS.

EXCEL-
LENCYYY!

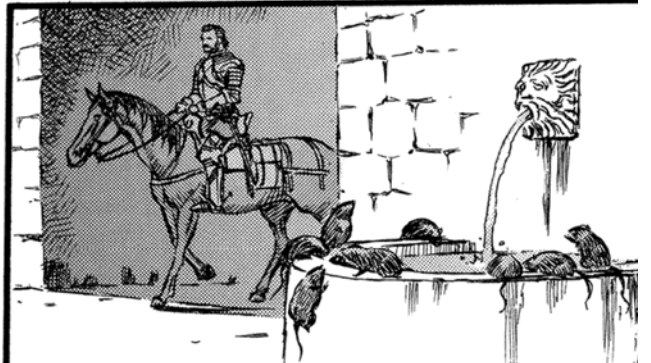


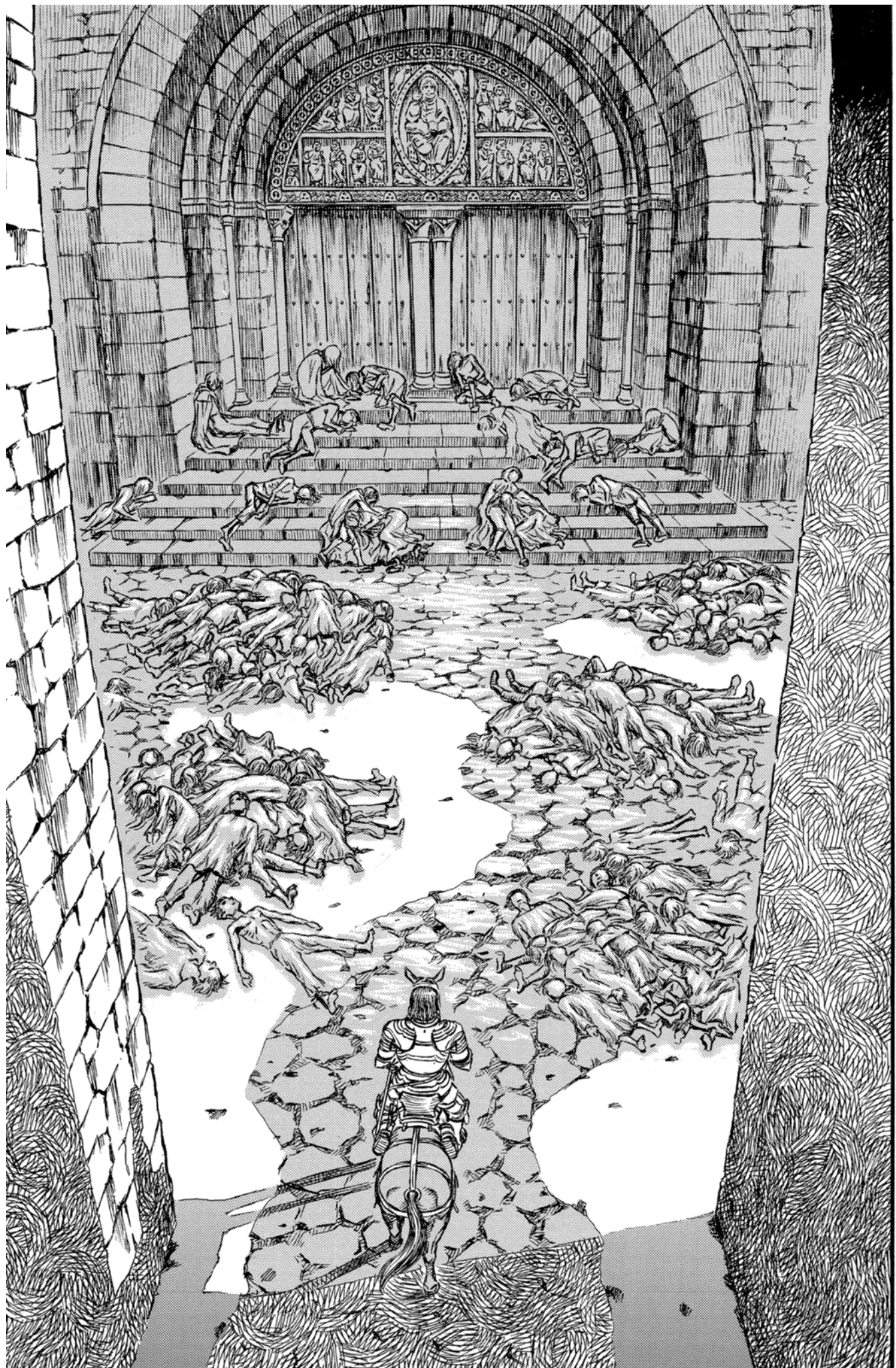
...DON'T
TELL ME...

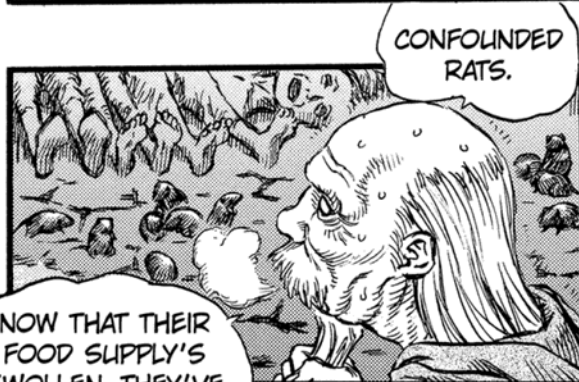
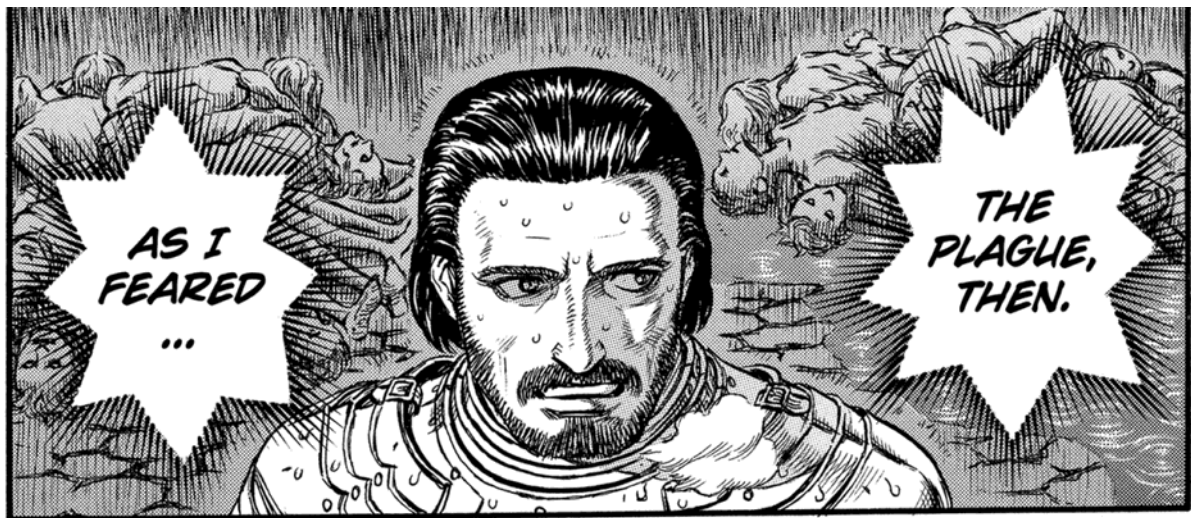
THIS IS...



*FX: CHIT CHIT CHIT







NOW THAT THEIR
FOOD SUPPLY'S
SWOLLEN, THEY'VE
GOT BIG AND FAT.



*FX: SQUEEK EEP EEP *FX: WHACK WHACK





*FX: FSHHHHHH



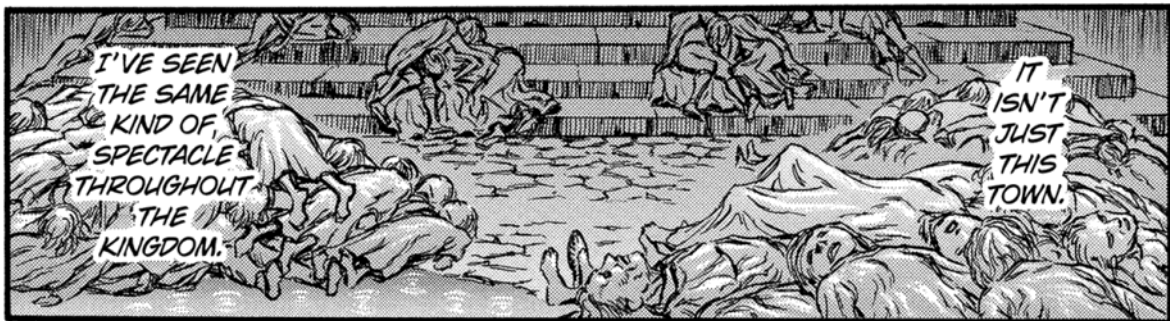
I DON'T CARE
TO DESERT
THIS TOWN
AT MY AGE.
MY WHOLE
FAMILY'S DEAD
ANYWAYS.

YOU
WON'T
LEAVE
THE TOWN,
OLD
ONE?



WAVING
YOUR
SWORD
AROUND
WILL DO
NO GOOD
IN THESE
PARTS.

YOU'D
BEST BE
OFF NOW
BEFORE
DEATH
HALINTS
YOU TOO,
SIR
KNIGHT.



I'VE SEEN
THE SAME
KIND OF
SPECTACLE
THROUGHOUT
THE
KINGDOM.

IT
ISN'T
JUST
THIS
TOWN.

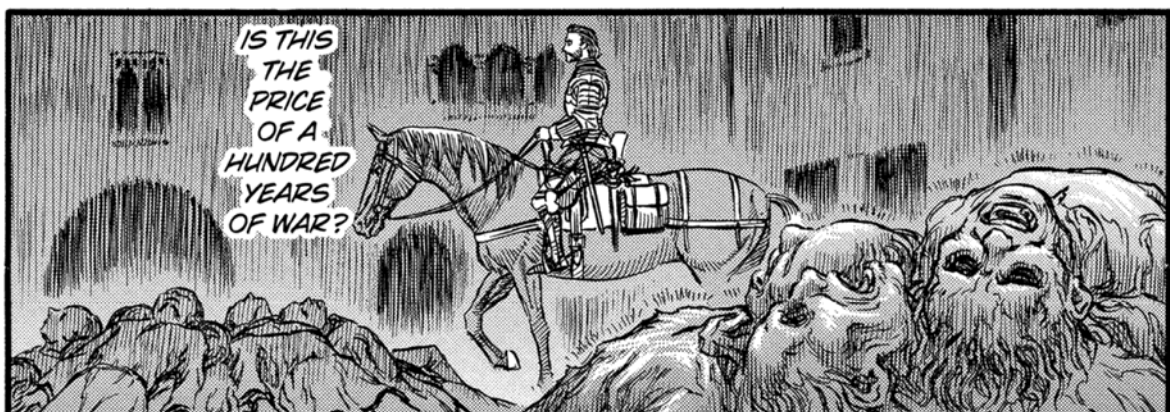


SUCH A DARK
SHADOW NOW
COVERS ALL OF
MIDLAND--
NO, IT'S NOT
JUST LIMITED
TO THIS
KINGDOM.

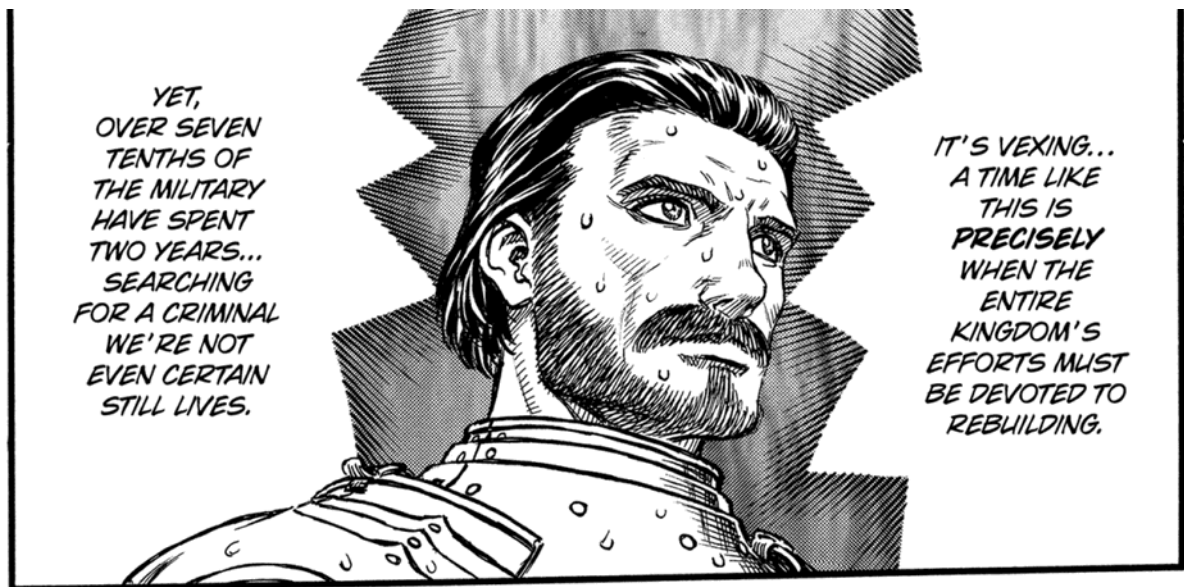
MERCENARY
BANDS
TURNED
ROBBERS.

PLAGUE.

FAMINE.



IS THIS
THE
PRICE
OF A
HUNDRED
YEARS
OF WAR?



YET,
OVER SEVEN
TENTHS OF
THE MILITARY
HAVE SPENT
TWO YEARS...
SEARCHING
FOR A CRIMINAL
WE'RE NOT
EVEN CERTAIN
STILL LIVES.

IT'S VEXING...
A TIME LIKE
THIS IS
PRECISELY
WHEN THE
ENTIRE
KINGDOM'S
EFFORTS MUST
BE DEVOTED TO
REBUILDING.



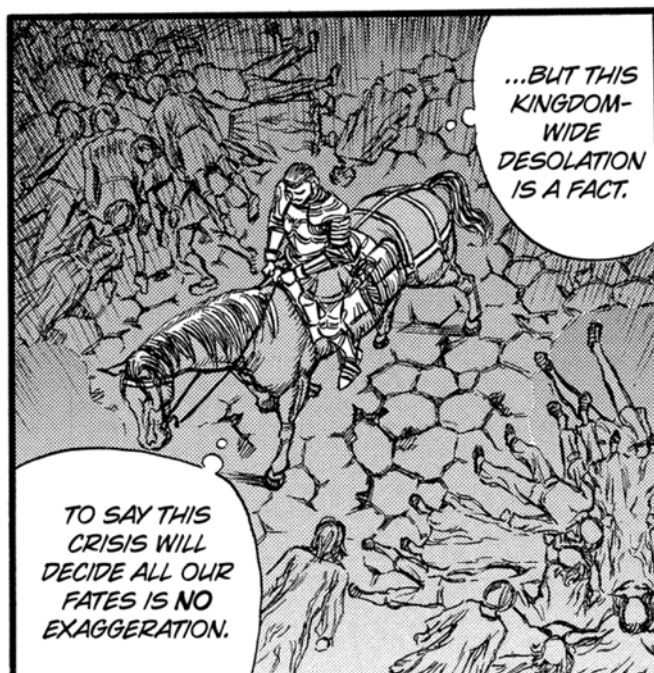
WHAT ON
EARTH
HAPPENED
THAT DAY
TWO YEARS
AGO?

THE
STATE
HIS
MAJESTY
IS IN...
WHAT
IS IT?



SURELY THEY ARE
A MADMAN'S...

THOSE
EYES...



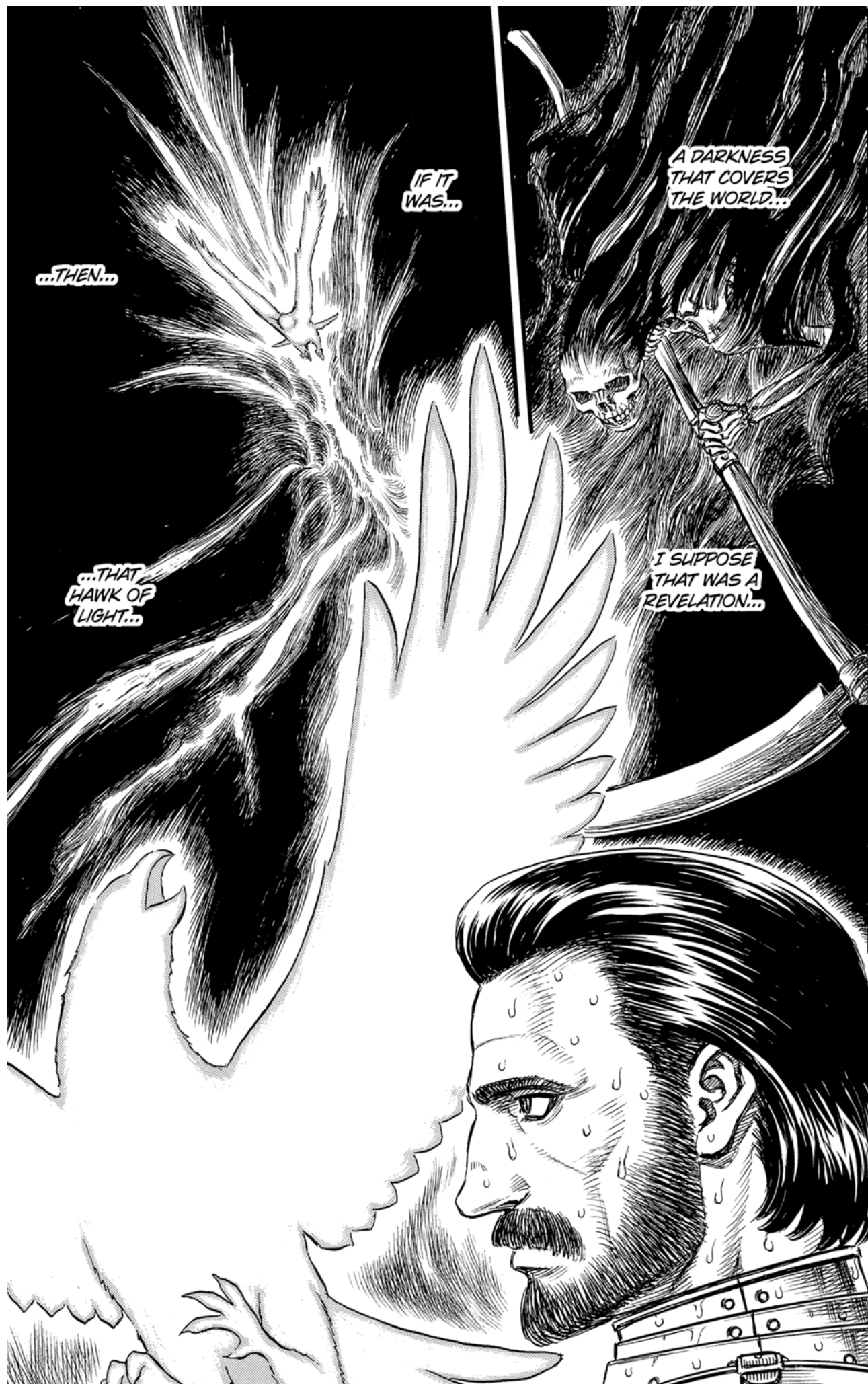
...BUT THIS
KINGDOM-
WIDE
DESOLATION
IS A FACT.

TO SAY THIS
CRISIS WILL
DECIDE ALL OUR
FATES IS NO
EXAGGERATION.



ALAS
...

THE
SEARCH
HAS
EXCEEDED
ITS
PURPOSE.



IF IT
WAS...

A DARKNESS
THAT COVERS
THE WORLD...

...THEN...

...THAT
HAWK OF
LIGHT...

I SUPPOSE
THAT WAS A
REVELATION...

...EVEN
THIS
SEARCH
THAT
SEEMS
MEANING-
LESS...

IT MAY BE
ABSURD,
BUT WHEN
YOU THINK
OF IT
SUCH...

TO ME,
AT LEAST,
WHAT A
HAWK
SYMBOLIZES

IF THE
DREAM IS A
REVELATION,
WHAT DOES
THAT PART
SIGNIFY?

--NO.

...

EXCEL-
LENCY
!!

FOR
ALL THE
PEOPLE OF
MIDLAND...

...CAN BE
SEEN TO
POSSESS
SOME
SENSE OF
PURPOSE.

*FX: DBADUMP
BDADUMP

...THERE'S
BUT ONE
AND NO
OTHER!!

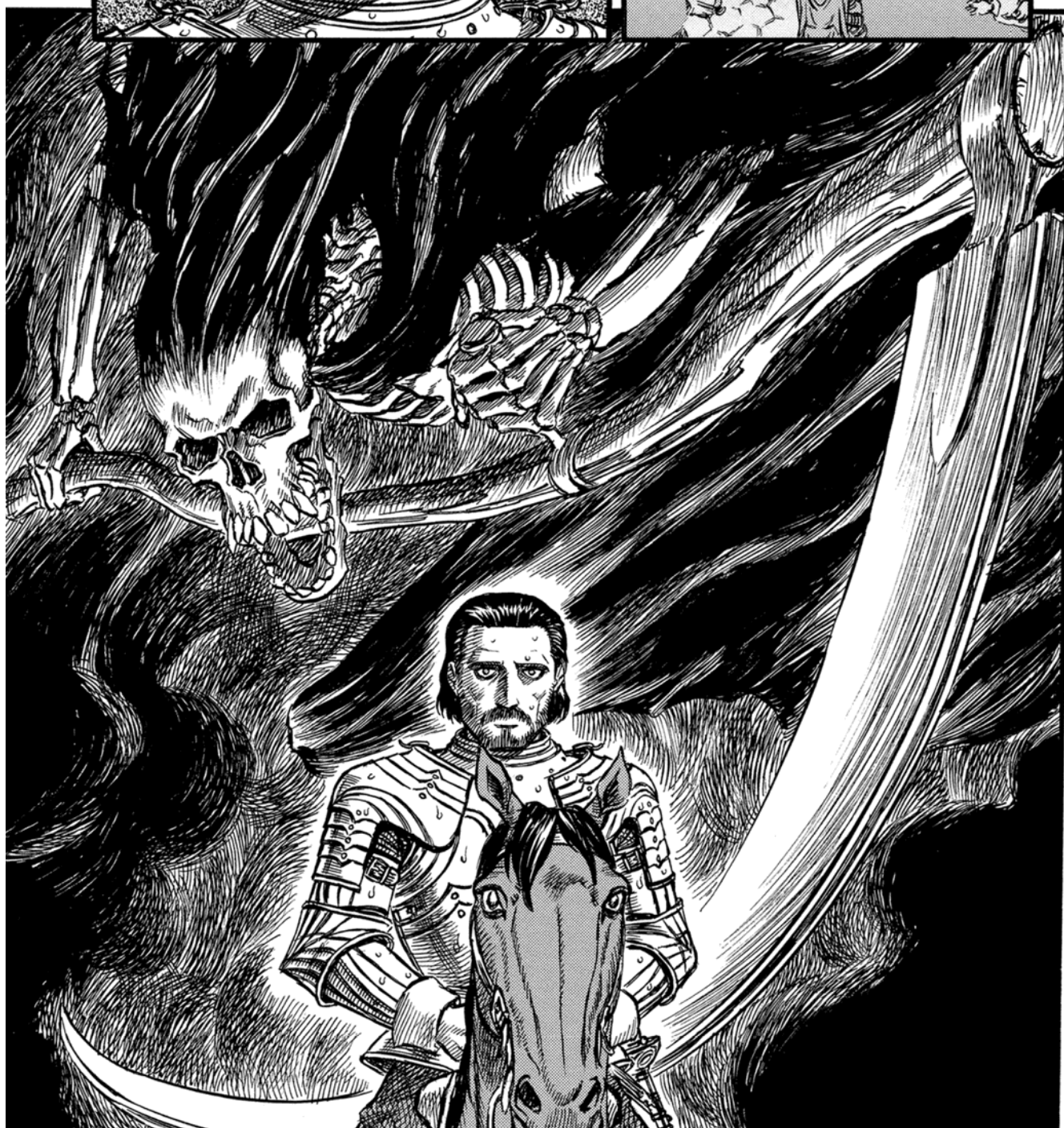
SO YOU'VE COME,
ADJUTANT. AS YOU SEE,
WE MUST ALSO
BLOCKADE THIS TOWN
AT ONCE...

IT IS
ANOTHER
STORY FOR THE
HEAD
OF OUR
KINGDOM.

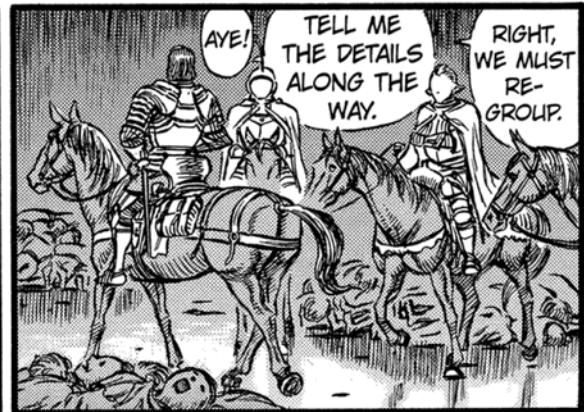
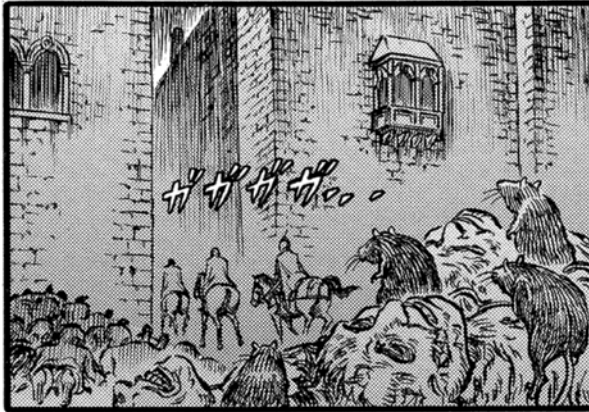
HOW-
EVER,
THAT
IS...

YOU JEST,
EXCELLENCY.
I HAVE HAD MY
FILL OF SEEING
PEOPLE DROP
FROM THE
PLAGUE.

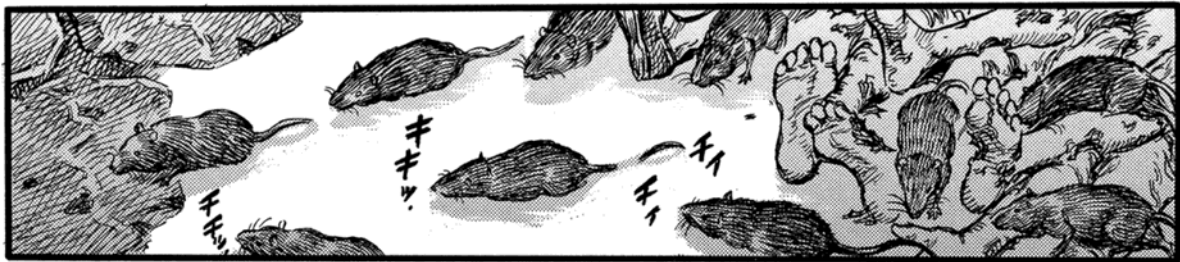
YOU DON'T
LOOK WELL.
BUT IT'S NO
SURPRISE
UNDER THESE
CIRCUM-
STANCES.



*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP



*FX: CHEE CHEE KEE KEE CHEE CHEE



*FX: SKITTER SKITTER SKITTER



*FX: ZOMMMM

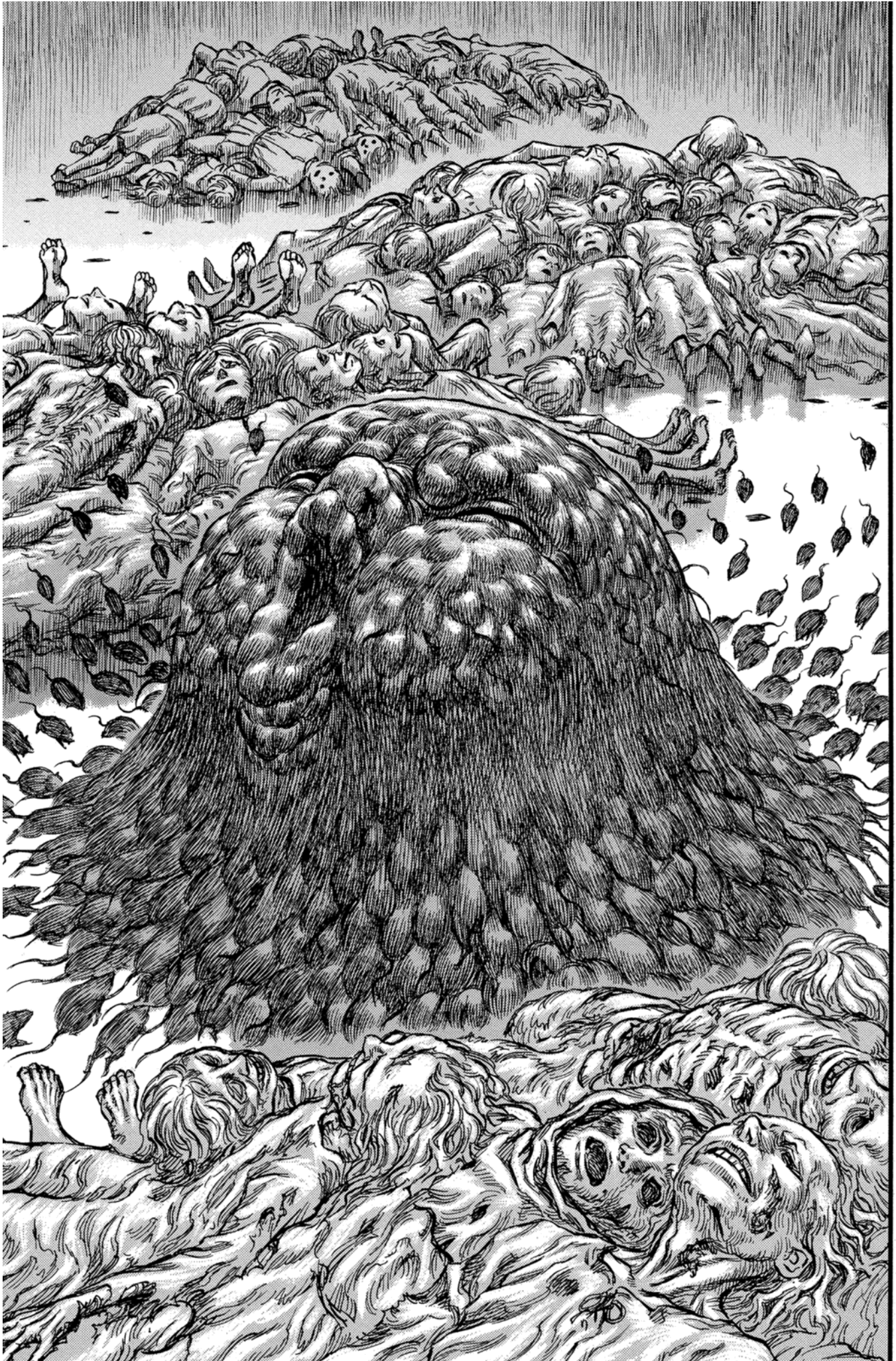


*FX: ZMMMM



*FX: ZMM







*FX: SCATTER



*FX: FSSHHH



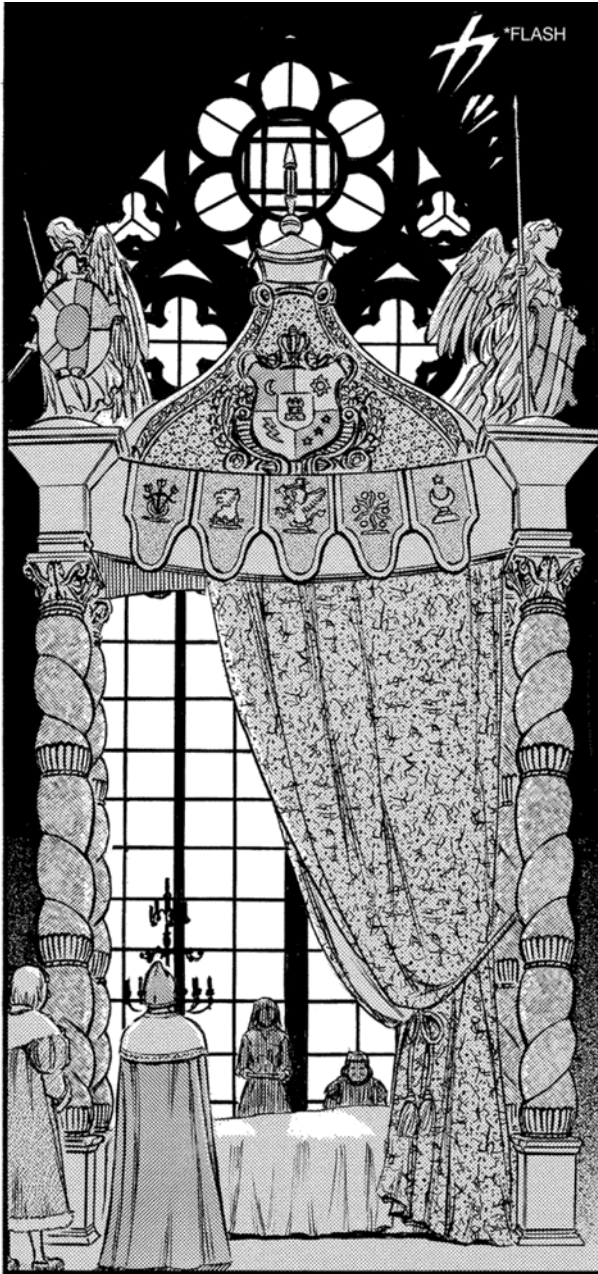


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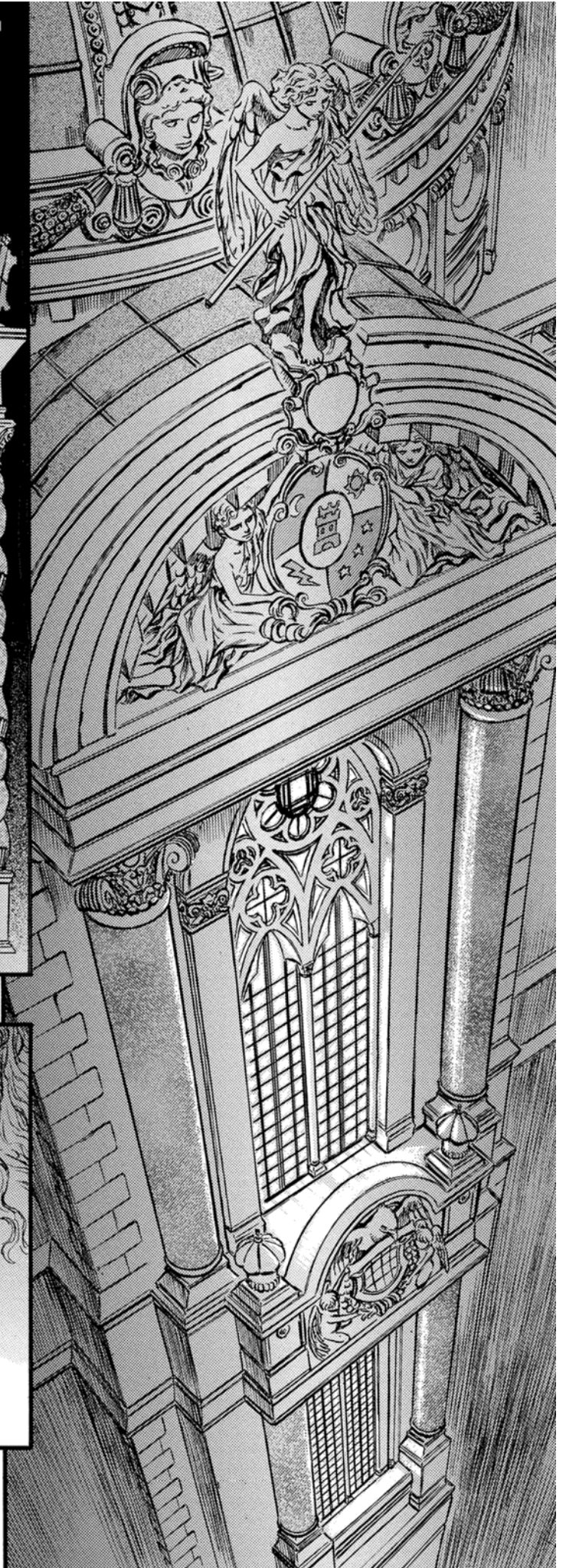
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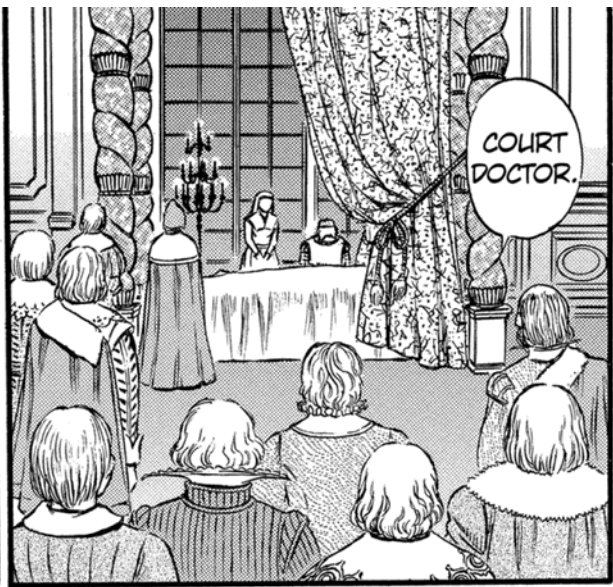
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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
REVELATIONS, PART 2





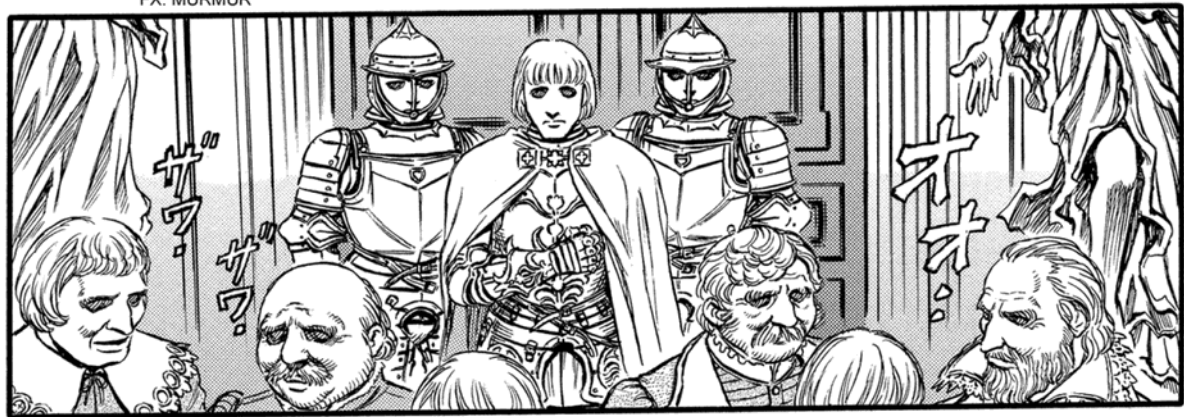
*FX: RUMMMBLE





*FX: MURMUR

*FX: OHHH

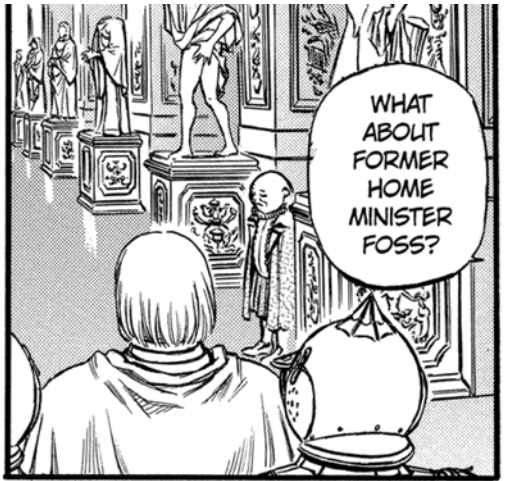


*FX: GCHAK

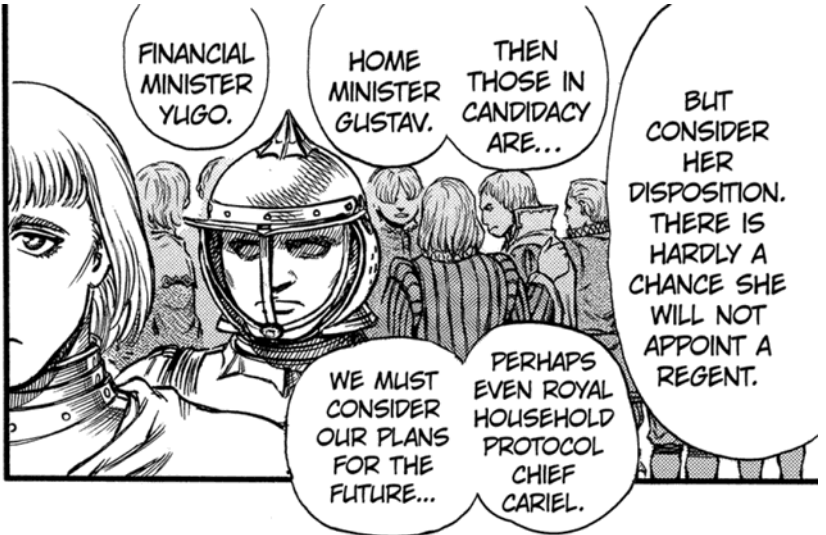
*FX: GCHAK

*FX: BTAM





WHAT ABOUT FORMER HOME MINISTER FOSS?



FINANCIAL MINISTER YUGO.

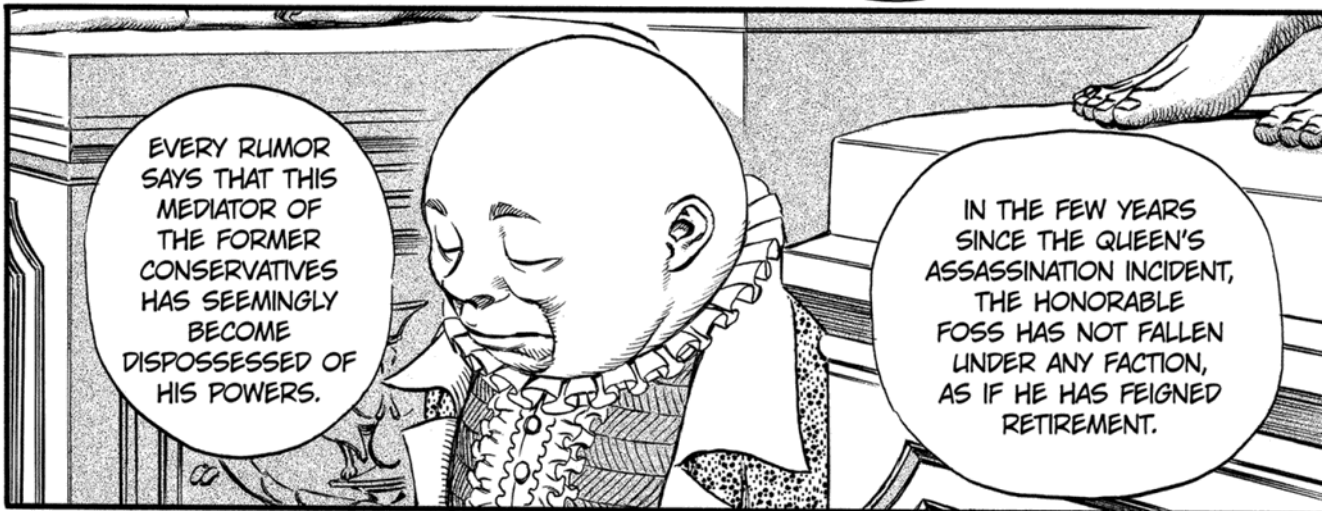
HOME MINISTER GUSTAV.

THEN THOSE IN CANDIDACY ARE...

BUT CONSIDER HER DISPOSITION. THERE IS HARDLY A CHANCE SHE WILL NOT APPOINT A REGENT.

WE MUST CONSIDER OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE...

PERHAPS EVEN ROYAL HOUSEHOLD PROTOCOL CHIEF CARIEL.



EVERY RUMOR SAYS THAT THIS MEDIATOR OF THE FORMER CONSERVATIVES HAS SEEMINGLY BECOME DISPOSSESSED OF HIS POWERS.

IN THE FEW YEARS SINCE THE QUEEN'S ASSASSINATION INCIDENT, THE HONORABLE FOSS HAS NOT FALLEN UNDER ANY FACTION, AS IF HE HAS FEIGNED RETIREMENT.



...WHAT SITUATION OUR KINGDOM IS NOW PLACED IN?!

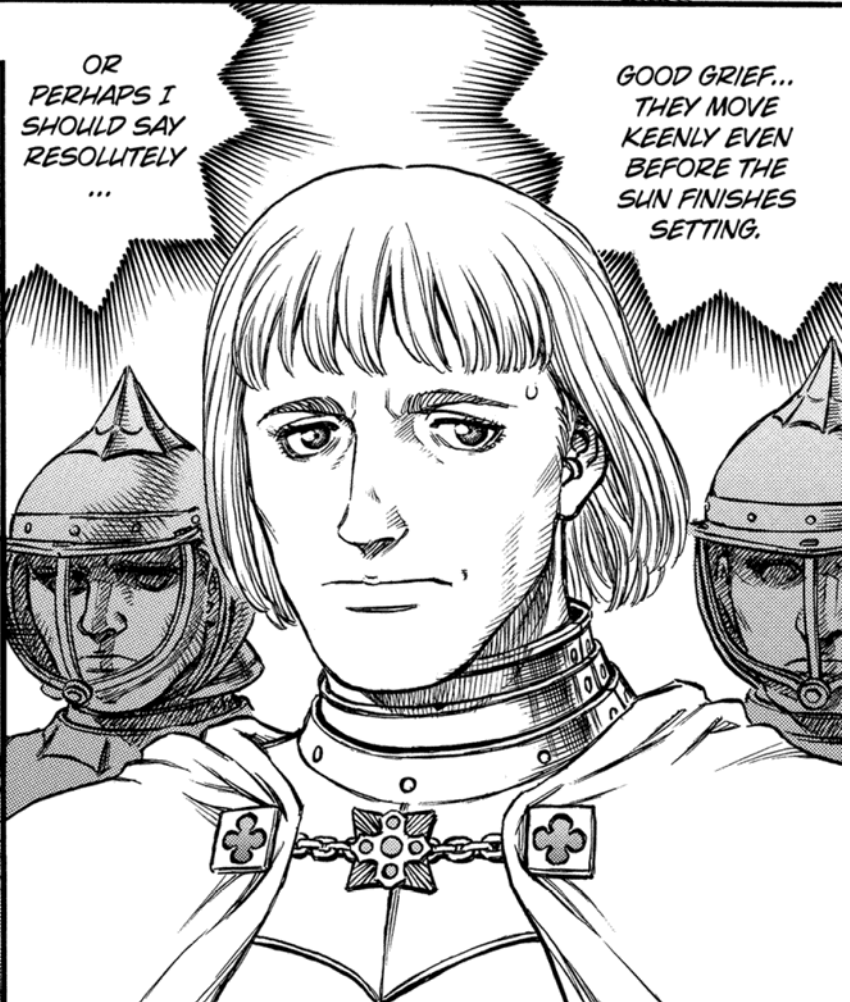
DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND...

...WHEN YOU CAN GO SEVERAL LEAGUES FROM WINDHAM AND THE DEAD LIE IN PILES-- NO, EVEN HERE BELOW THIS CASTLE.

THEY'RE ALL SO BUSY WITH SELF-PRESERVATION SCHEMES...

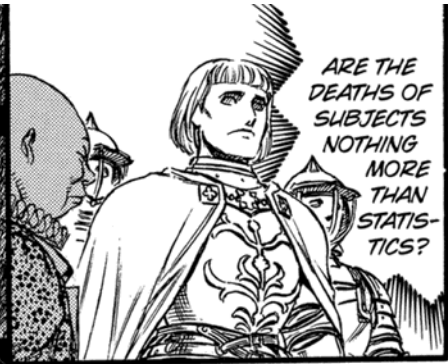
OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY RESOLUTELY ...

GOOD GRIEF... THEY MOVE KEENLY EVEN BEFORE THE SUN FINISHES SETTING.

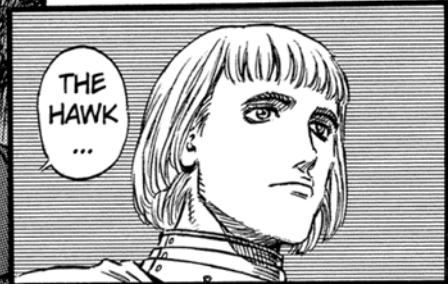




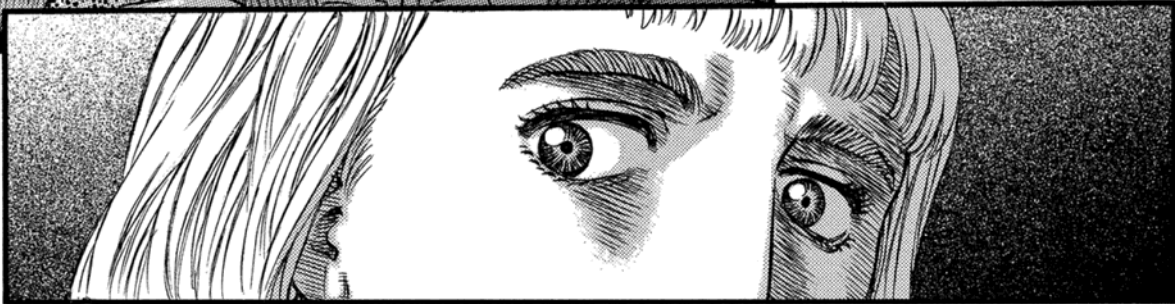
THE HAWK
WILL COME
AGAIN.



ARE THE
DEATHS OF
SUBJECTS
NOTHING
MORE
THAN
STATIS-
TICS?

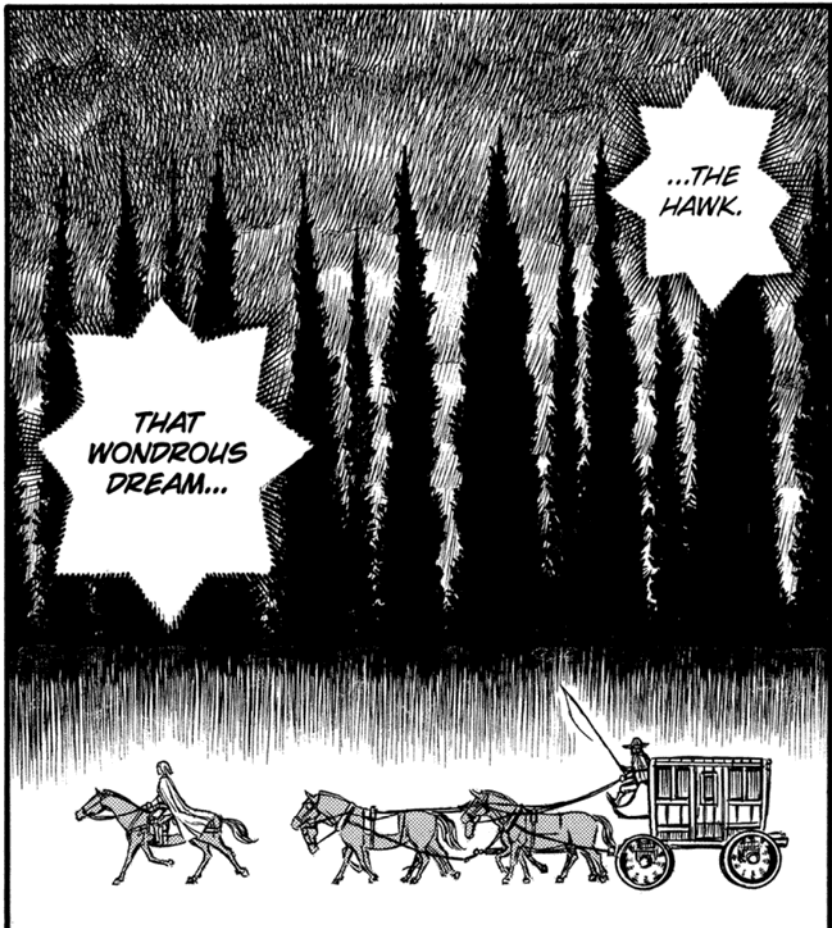


THE
HAWK
...



EVERY-
ONE IN
WINDHAM
...

--NO, PERHAPS
EVERYONE IN
MIDLAND SAW
THE WONDROUS
DREAM OF THE
HAWK OF LIGHT.



...THE
HAWK.

THAT
WONDROUS
DREAM...



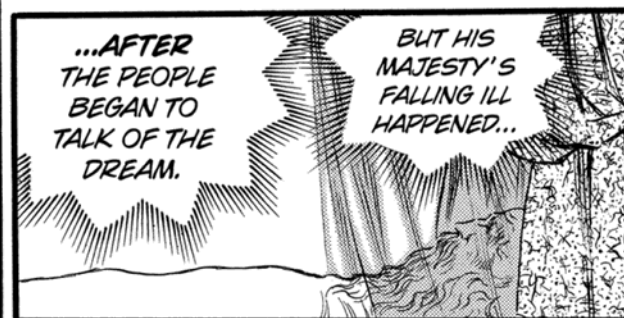
...THE
WILL OF
GOD.

NOT THAT
ONE SUCH
AS I COULD
TRULY
COMPREHEND
...



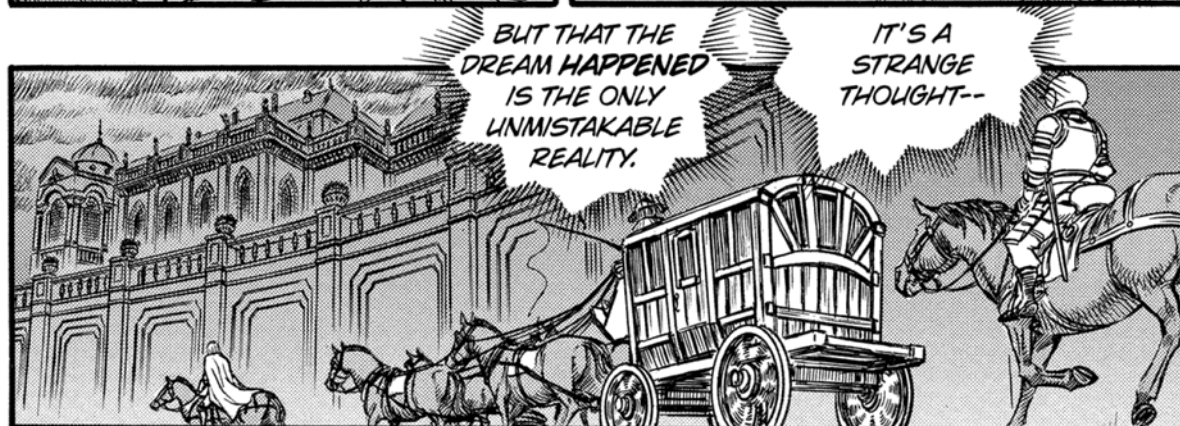
THE
PRIESTS
CLAMORED
THAT IT
WAS GOD'S
REVELA-
TION.

THEY SAID IT
WAS A GOOD
OMEN SIGNIFYING
THE APPEARANCE
OF ONE WHO WILL
SAVE PEOPLE
FROM EVERY
CALAMITY NOW
WIELDING
ITS MENACE.



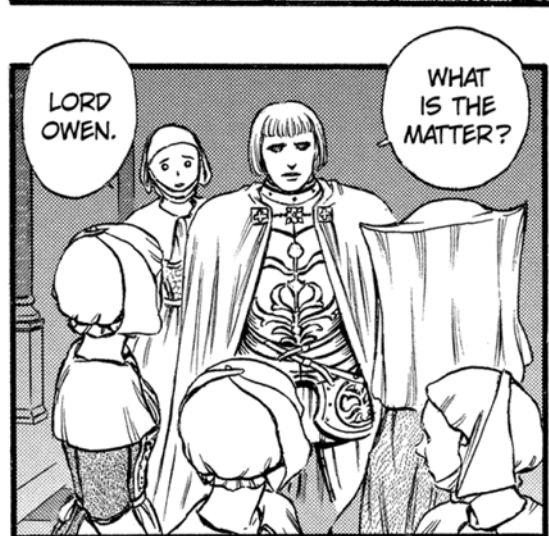
...AFTER
THE PEOPLE
BEGAN TO
TALK OF THE
DREAM.

BUT HIS
MAJESTY'S
FALLING ILL
HAPPENED...



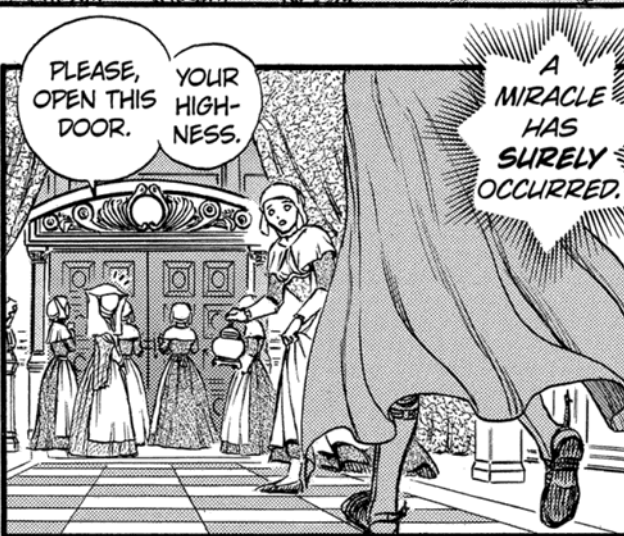
BUT THAT THE
DREAM HAPPENED
IS THE ONLY
UNMISTAKABLE
REALITY.

IT'S A
STRANGE
THOUGHT--



LORD
OWEN.

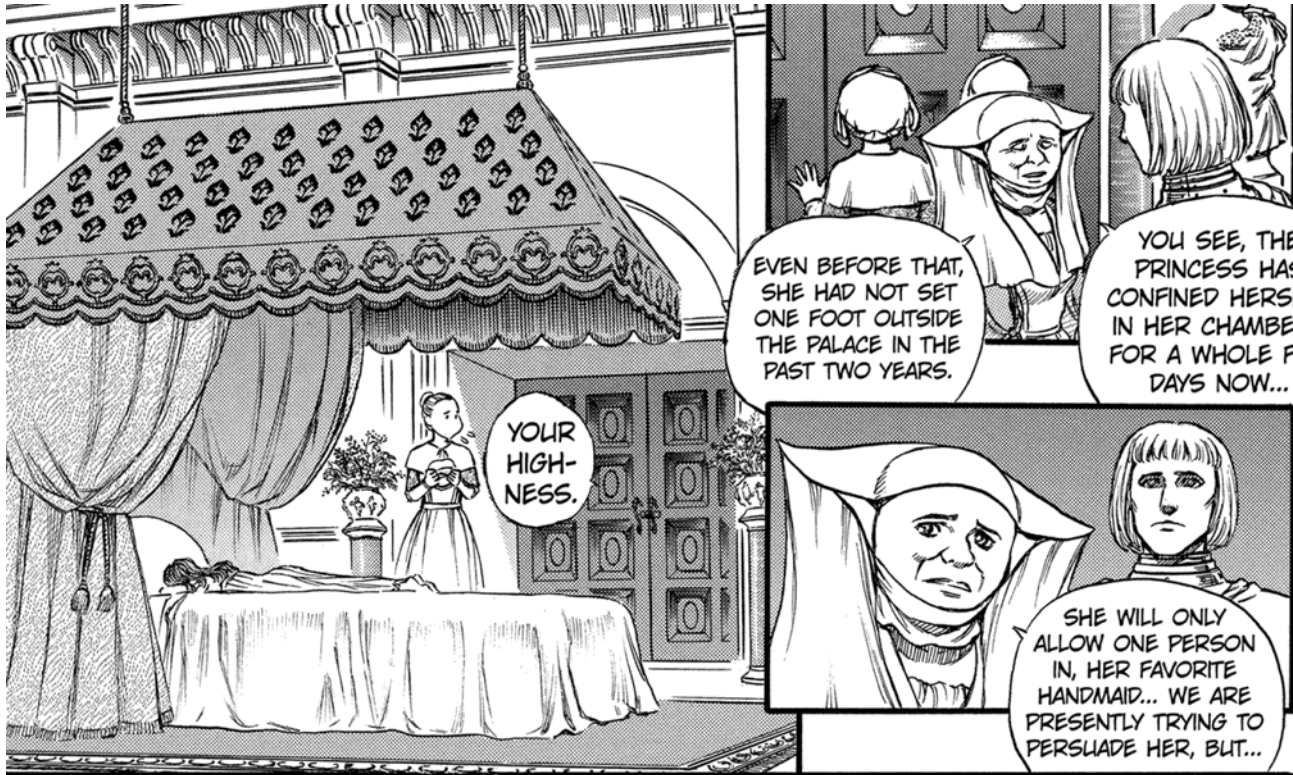
WHAT
IS THE
MATTER?

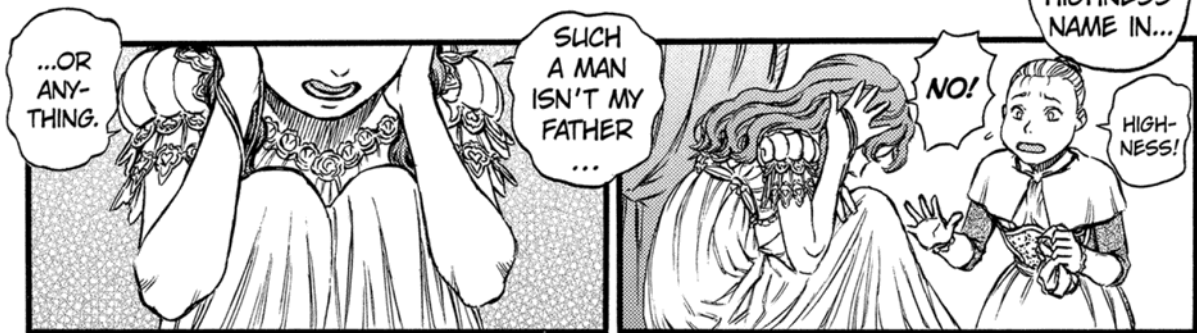
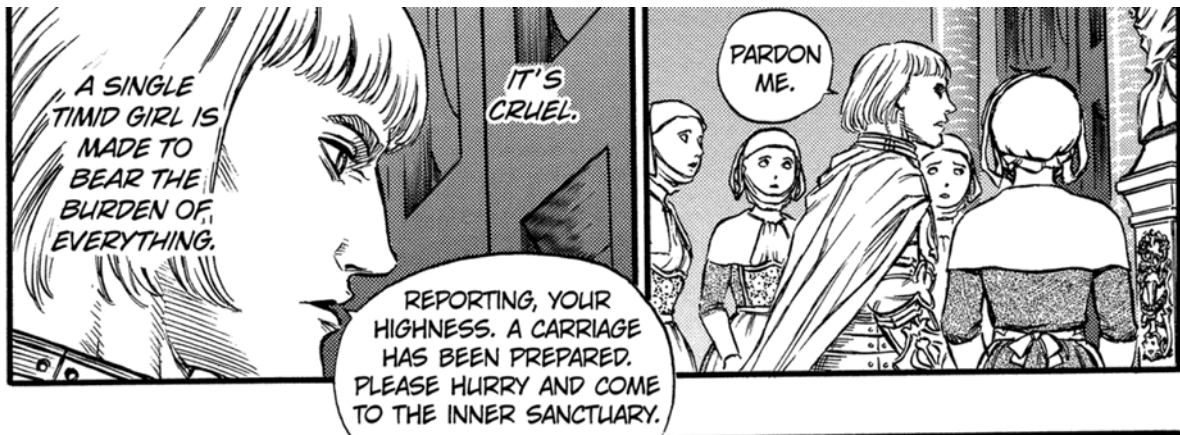


PLEASE,
OPEN THIS
DOOR.

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

A
MIRACLE
HAS
SURELY
OCCURRED.







ALMOST
AS IF I'M
FREEZING.

IT'S
COLD...



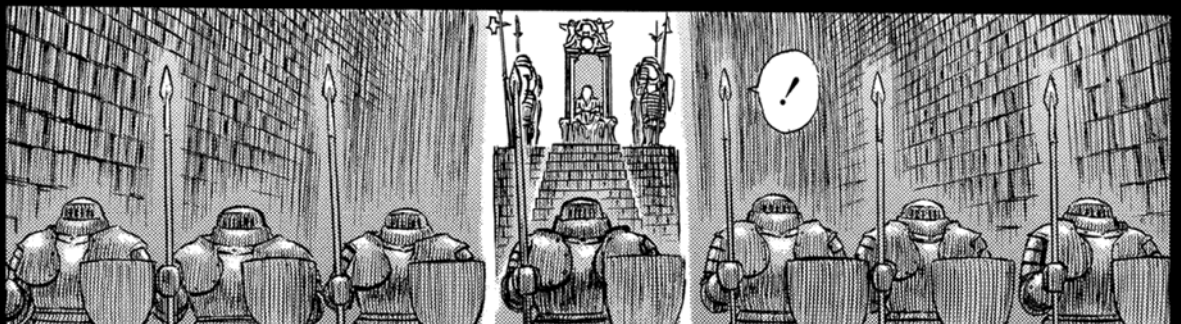
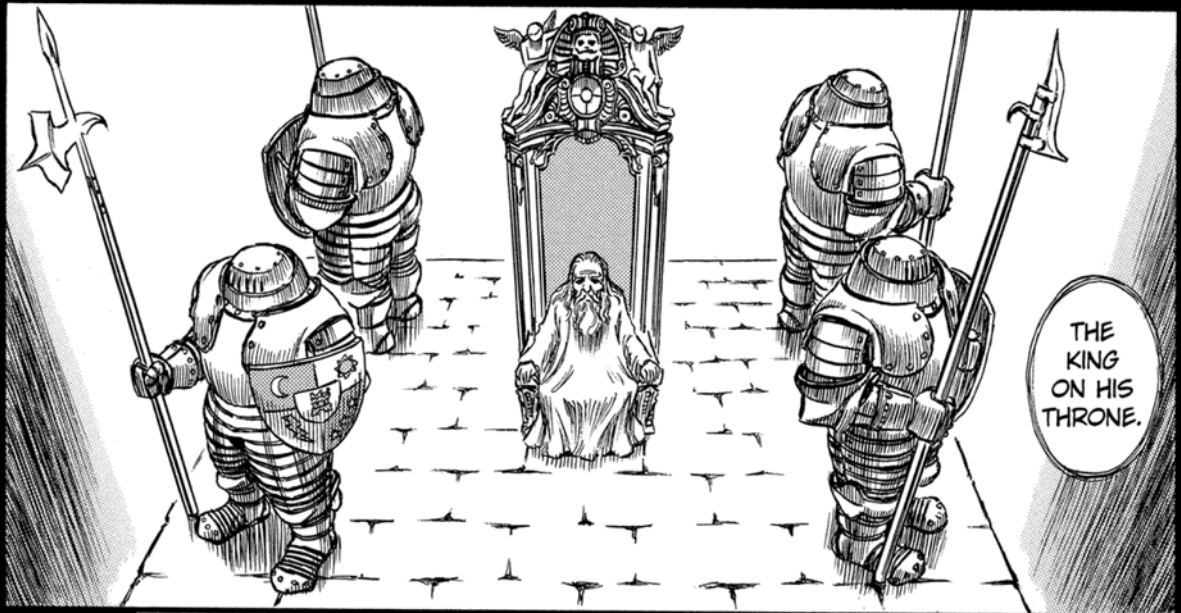
THE KING
ON HIS
THRONE.

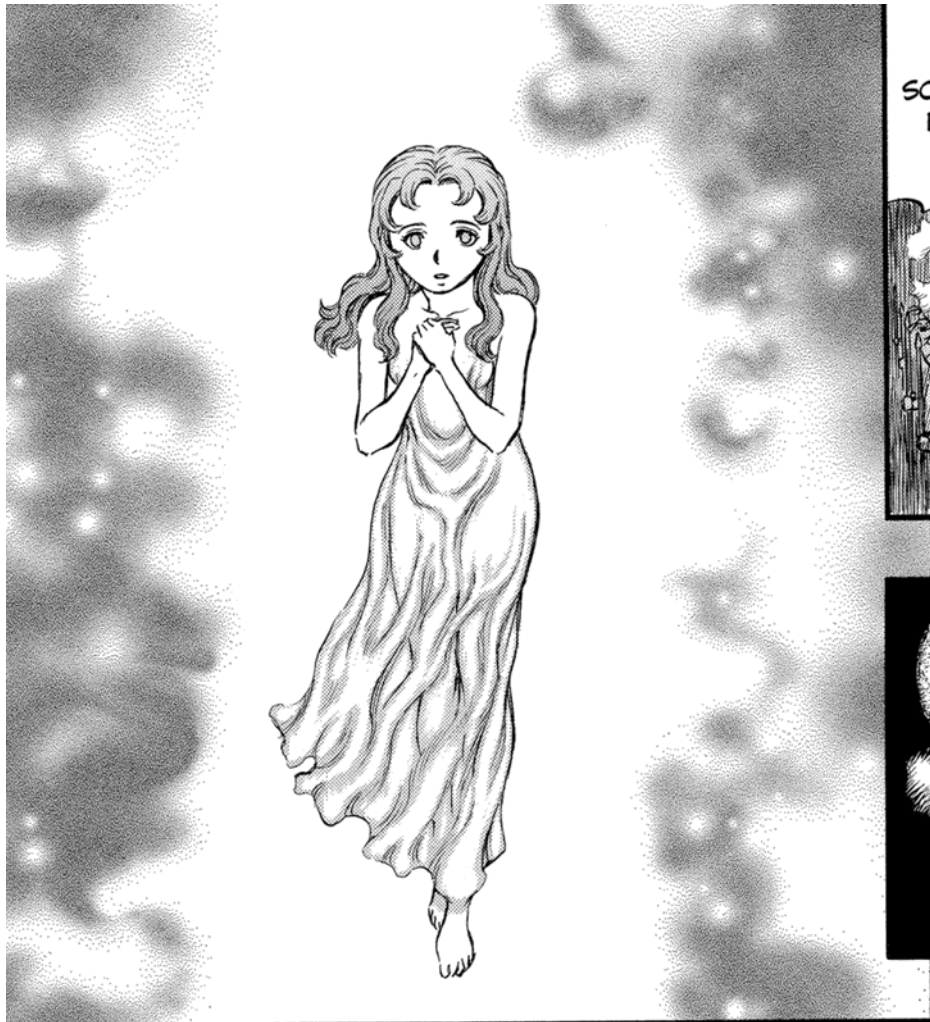
MAGNIFICENT
CASTLE
WALLS.

BUT I
CANNOT
DEFEND
AGAINST
THE COLD
THIS WAY.

STONE
WALLS
MERELY
AUGMENT
THE COLD.

SOMEONE
LIGHT A
FIRE...





FIRE!
SOMEONE
BRING
FIRE!!

ENOUGH ALREADY!!
I HAVE NO NEED
OF SOLDIERS
NOW!!

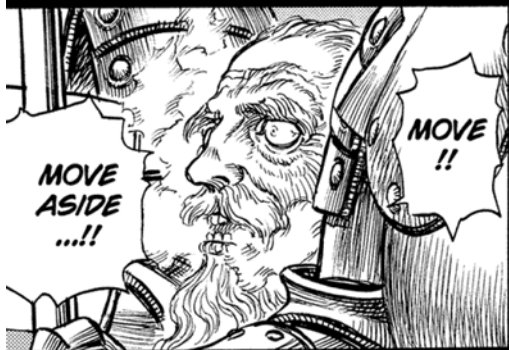


BRING
WARMTH
...
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WHAT I
WISH FOR...
WARMTH...

OHH,
THAT'S
IT!



MOVE
ASIDE
...!!

MOVE
!!



MY
DESIRED
IS--



WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!

WHAT
...?!

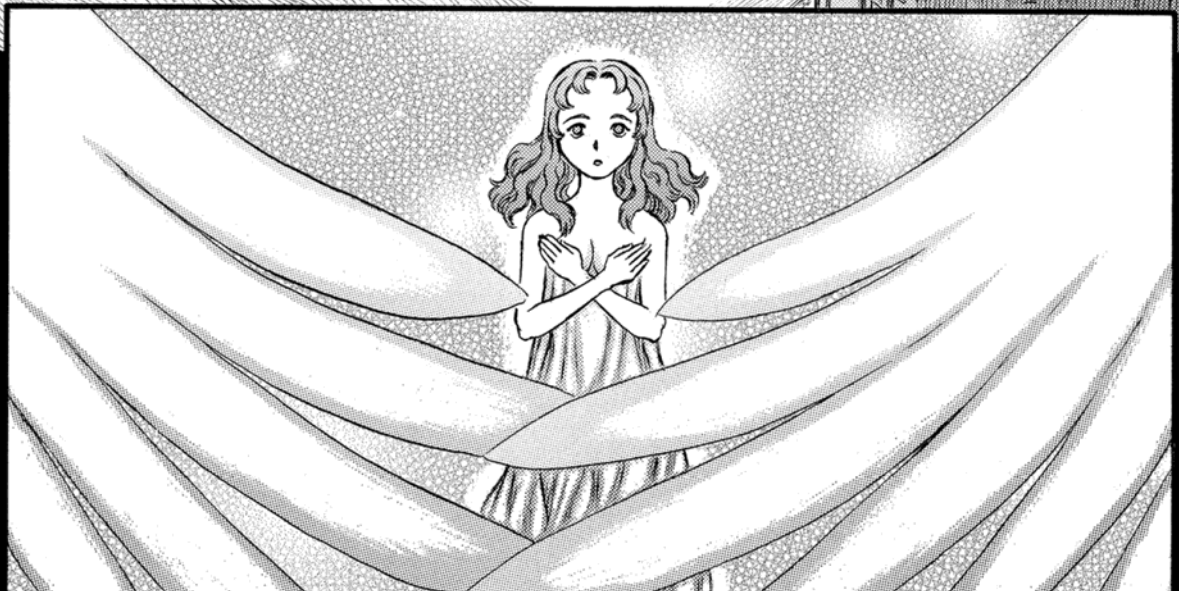


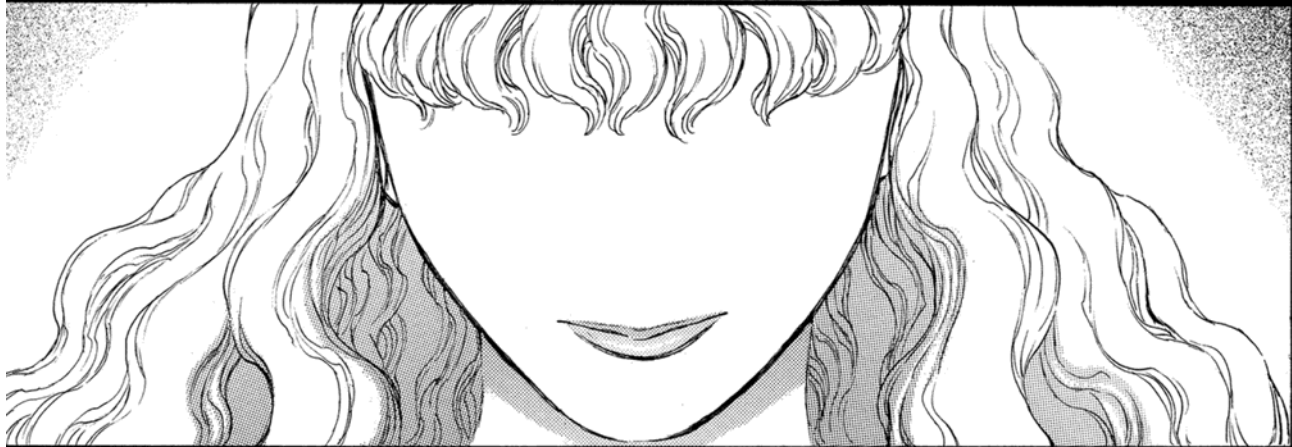
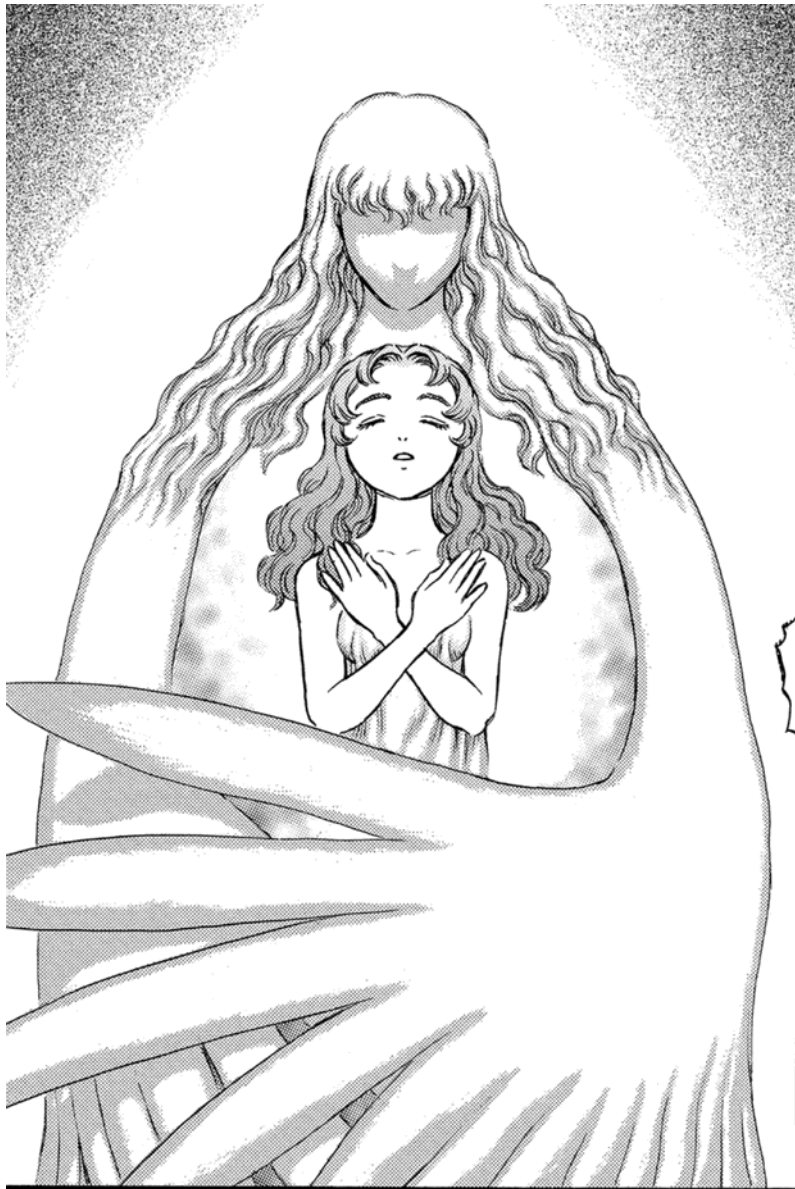
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ON HIS
THRONE.

THE KING
ON HIS
THRONE.





*FX: VWOOSH





*FX: WHOOOOOOOO



*RUMBLE

*RUMBLE

*FLASH



FATHER...!!

*GONNNG

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*GONNNG

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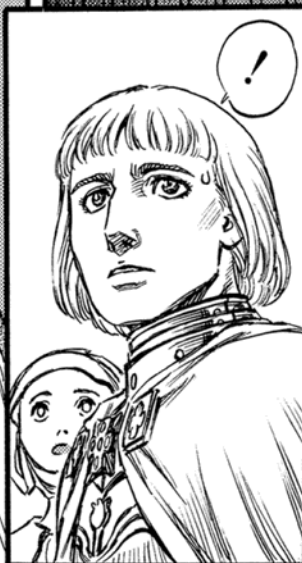
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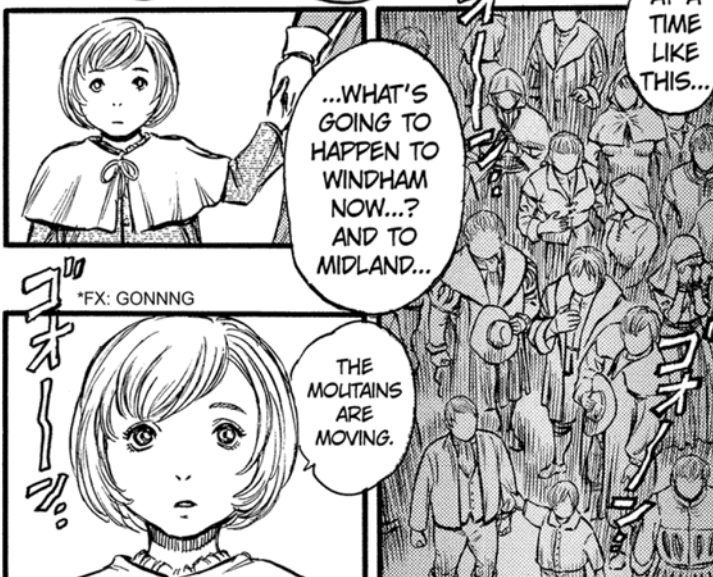
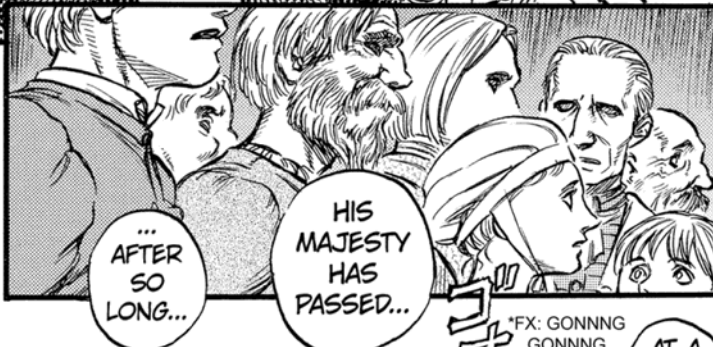
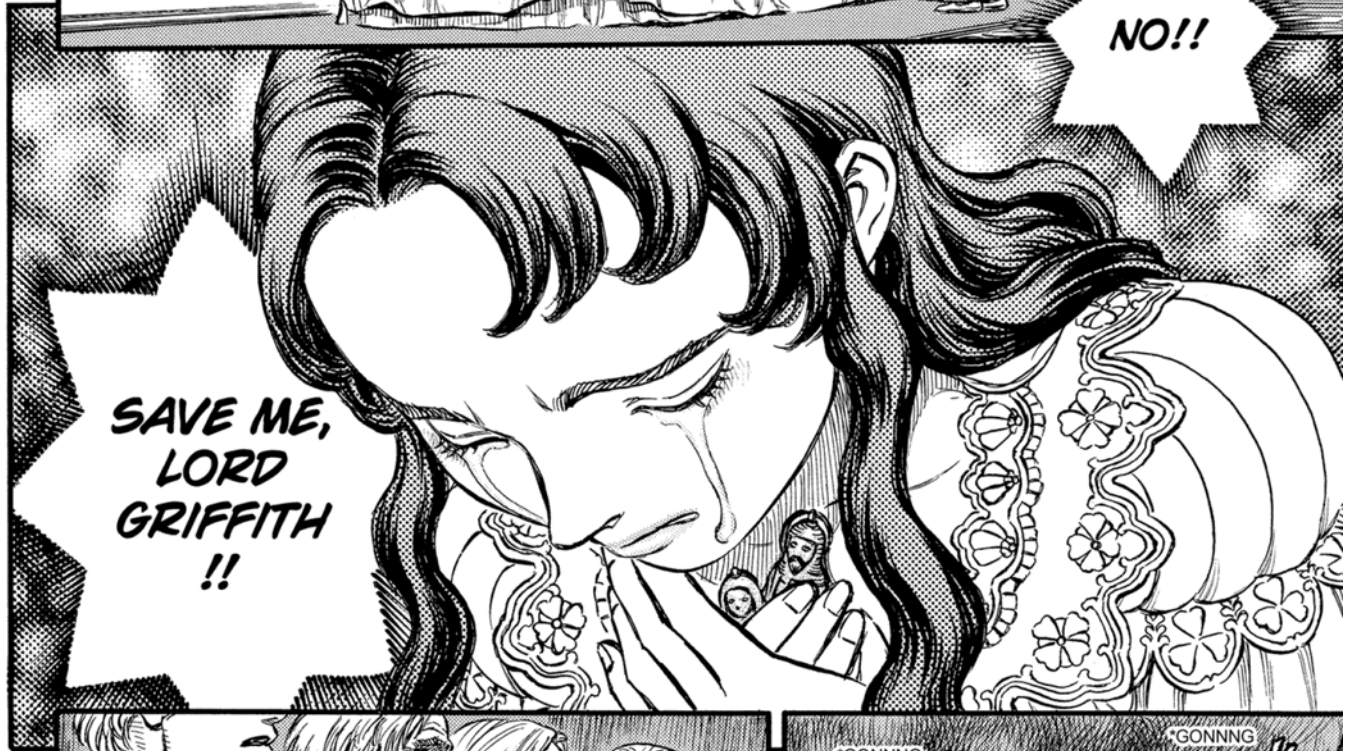
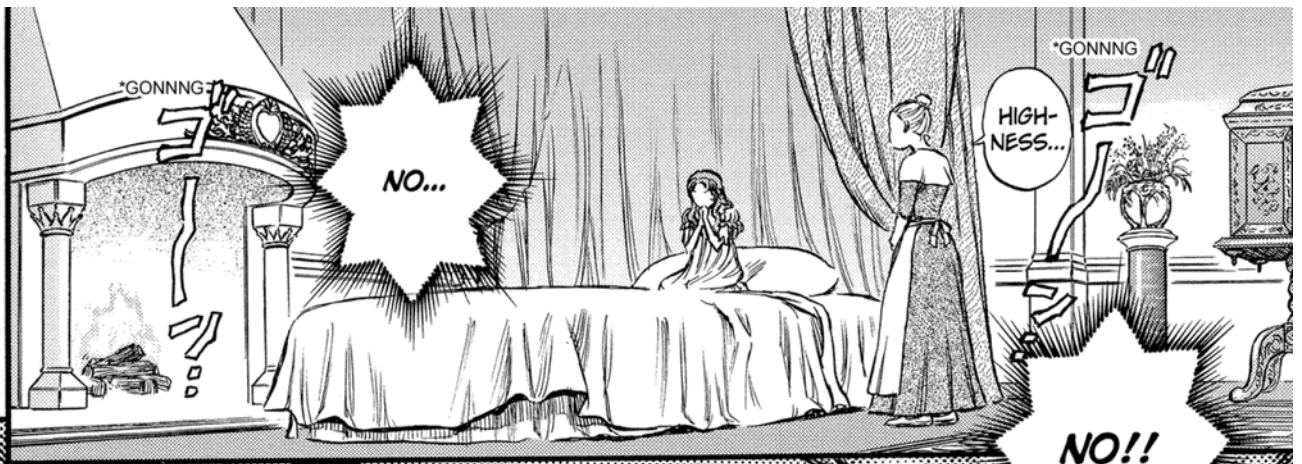
*GONNNG

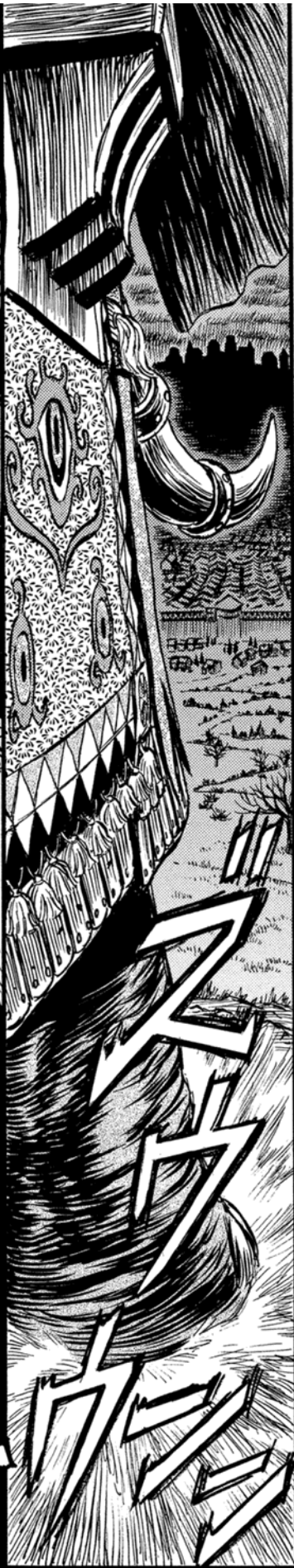
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*GONNNG

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*FX: THOOOOM

*AWOOOON





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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
REVELATIONS 2: END

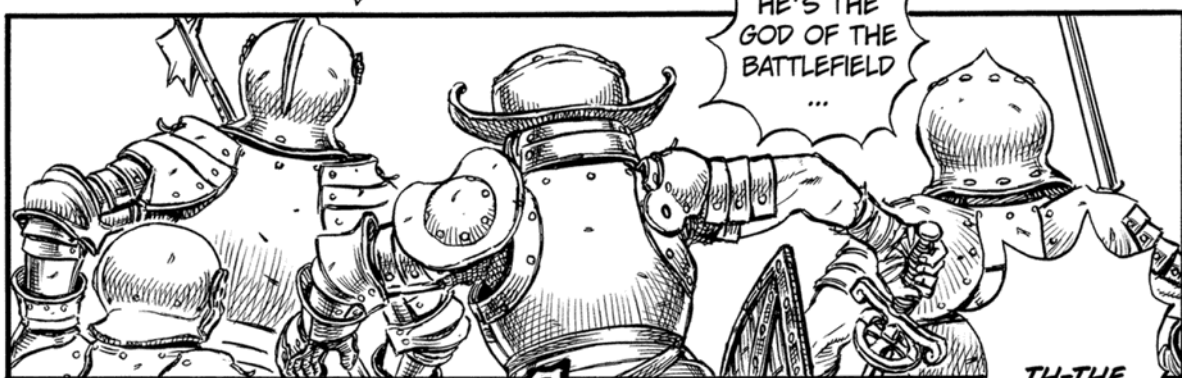
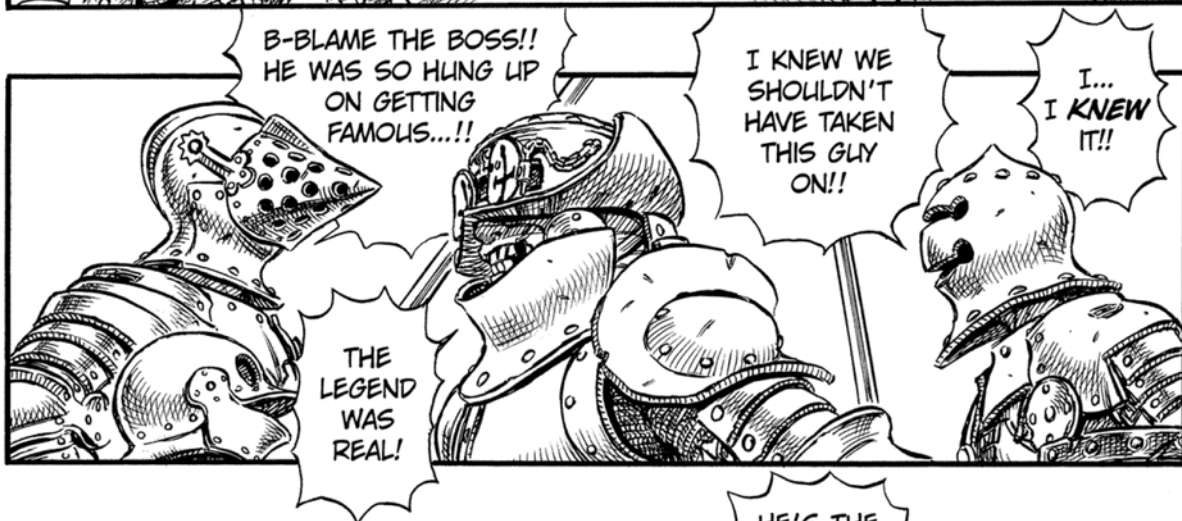
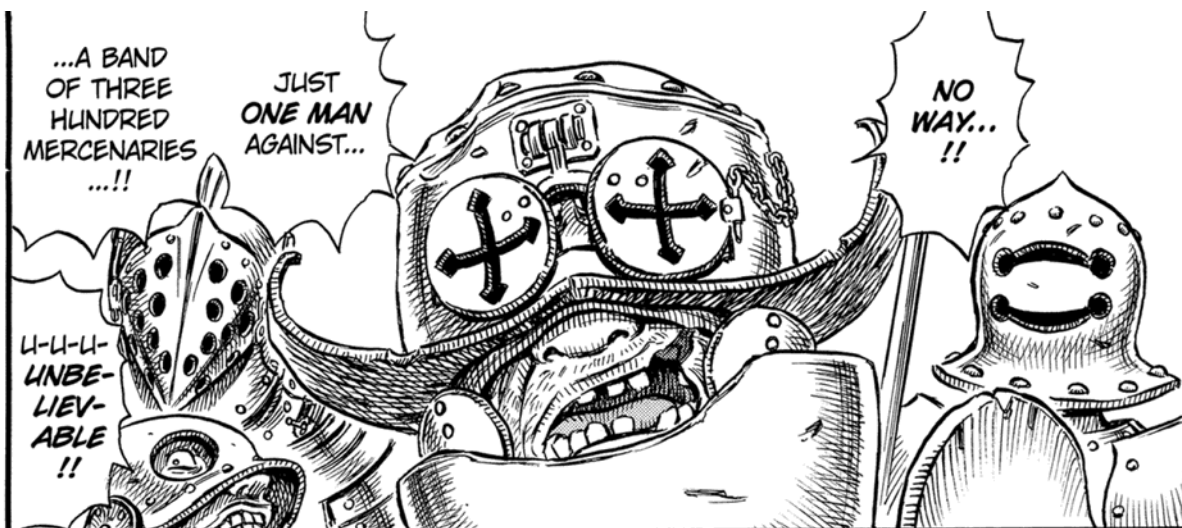
BERSERK

断罪篇

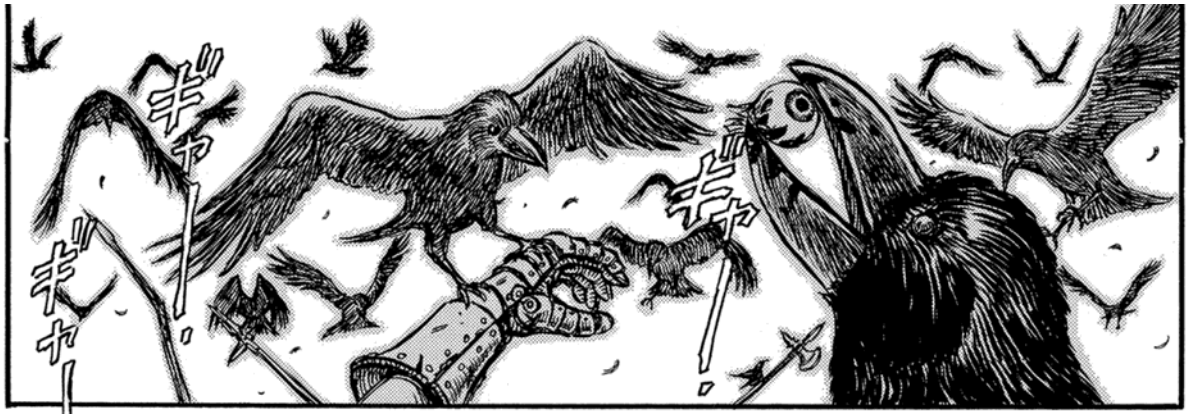
生誕祭の章

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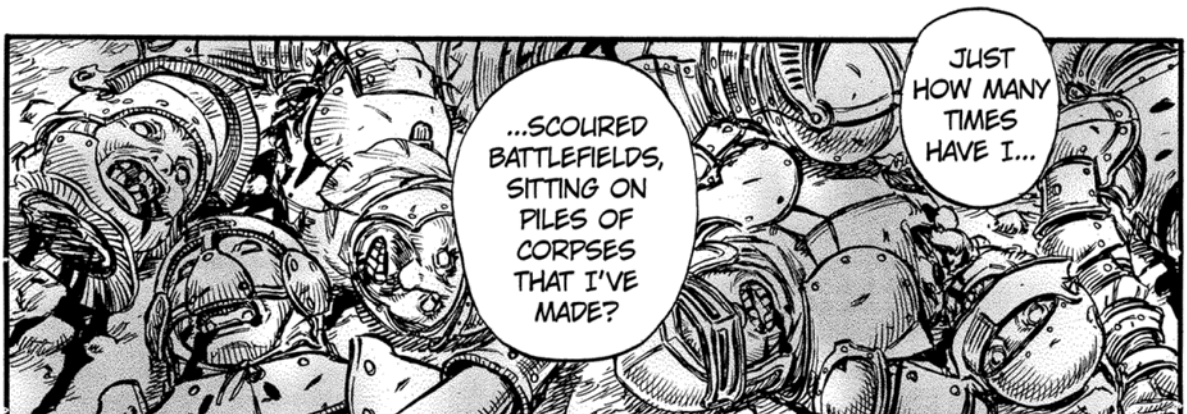
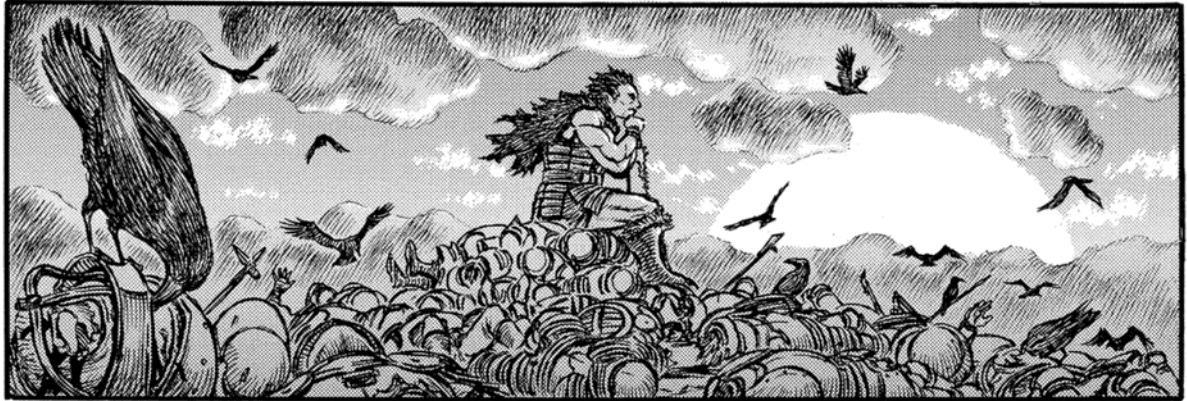
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REVELATIONS, PART 3





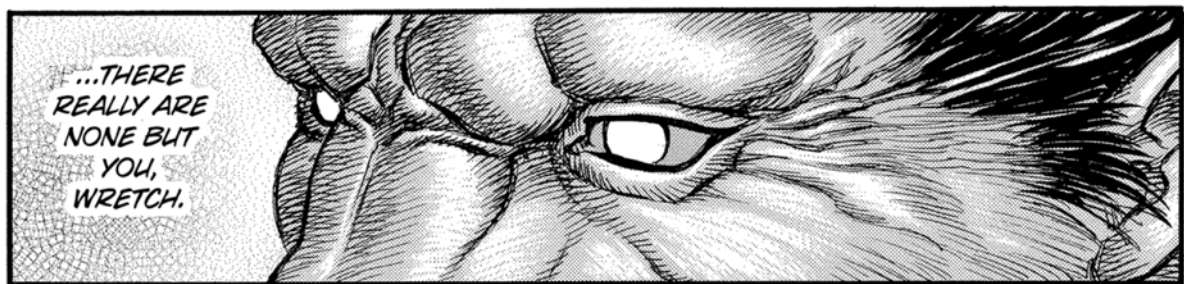


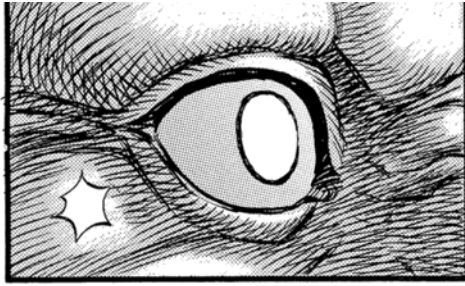
*FX: CAWWWW CAWWWW CAWWWW



...SCOURED
BATTLEFIELDS,
SITTING ON
PILES OF
CORPSES
THAT I'VE
MADE?

JUST
HOW MANY
TIMES
HAVE I...





*FX: CAWWW CAWWW CAWWW



*FX: FLAP FLAP



IN ANY
EVENT...

...MY
DESIRED IS
JUST ONE
THING...





WHAT'S
THIS...?!

WHA...



THE DUSK
BETWEEN
DREAM AND
CONSCIOUSNESS.

THIS IS
WITHIN
YOUR
DOZING.



IMMORTAL.

WHAT YOU
SOUGHT
WERE NOT
WORDS.



YOU
MEAN--

YOU'RE
--

WHY?!



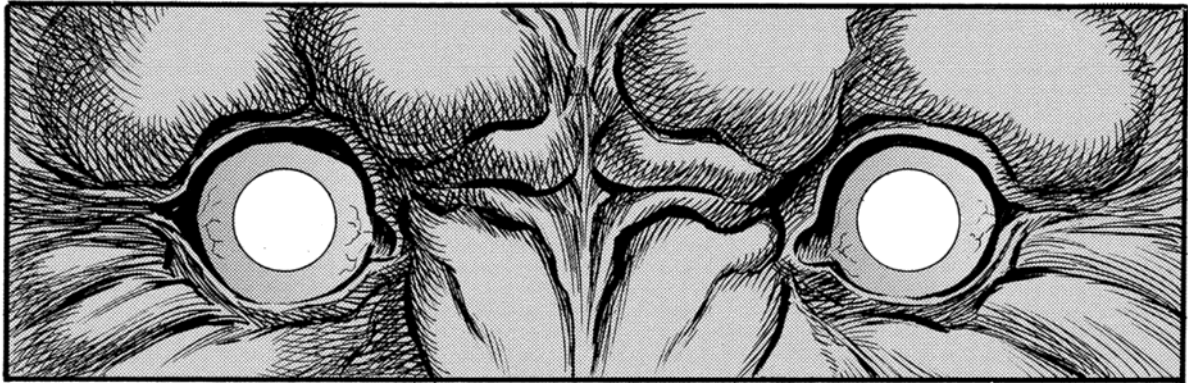
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*FX: BWOOM





*FX: CAWWWW CAWWWW CAWWWW



*FX: PULSE



WAS THAT
A DREAM
THEN...?!



*FX: BLOP BLOP





**THE
DESIRED...**

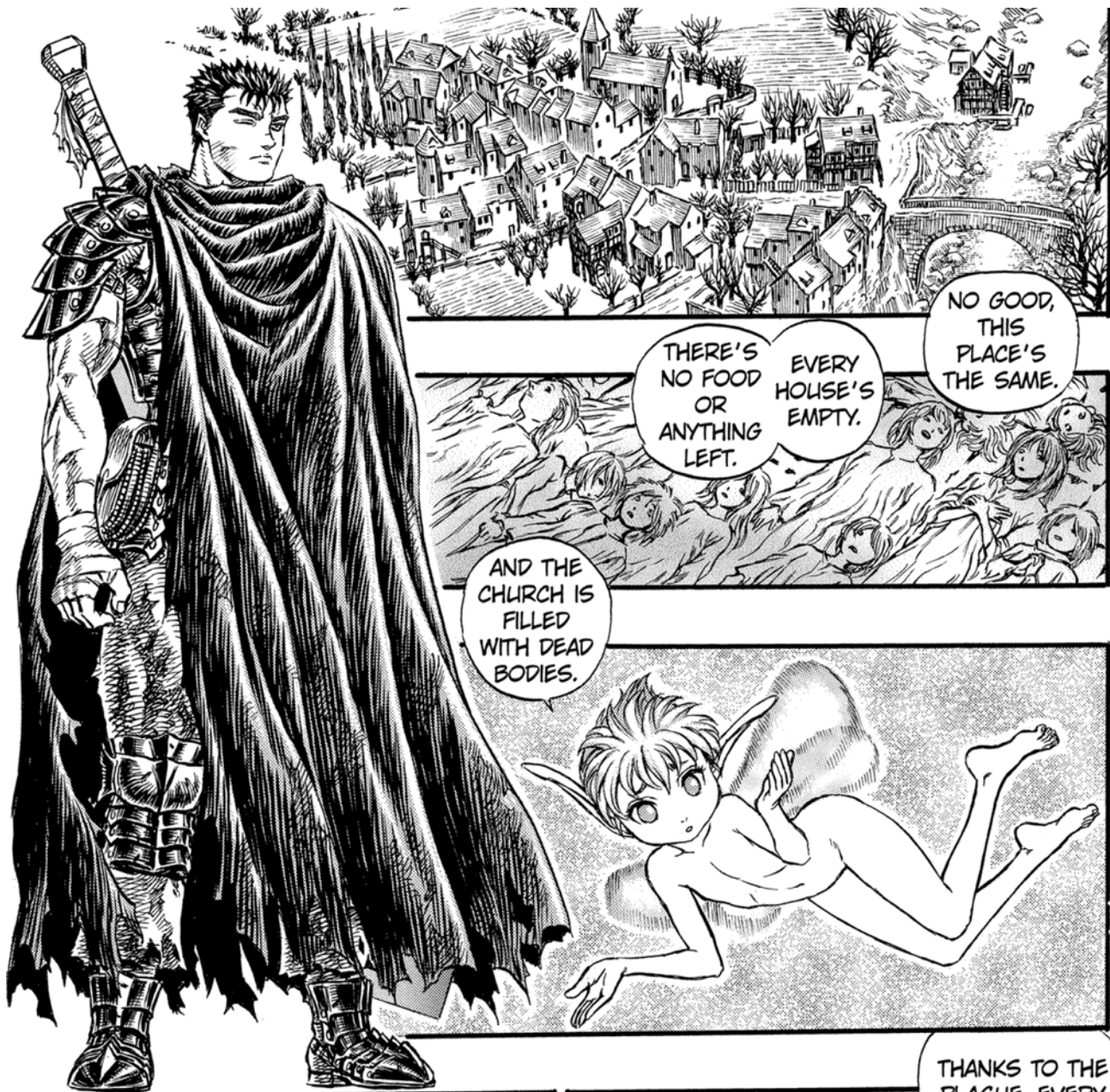
**...WILL
COME.**



**...IT WILL
COME.**



**WHEN THE
SKY FALLS AT
THE HOLY
GROUND WHERE
BLIND SHEEP
GATHER AND
ERECT A PILLAR
OF FIRE...**



NO GOOD,
THIS
PLACE'S
THE SAME.

THERE'S
NO FOOD
OR
ANYTHING
LEFT.

EVERY
HOUSE'S
EMPTY.

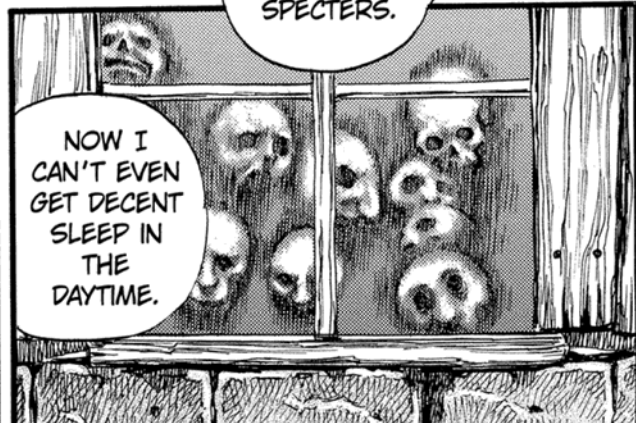
AND THE
CHURCH IS
FILLED
WITH DEAD
BODIES.



THANKS TO THE
PLAGUE, EVERY
PLACE LOOKS
THE SAME.



INSIDE
THERE'S
SWARMIN'
WITH
SPECTERS.



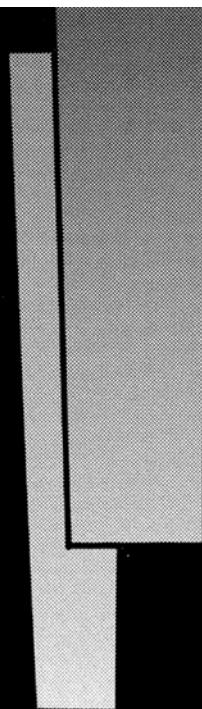
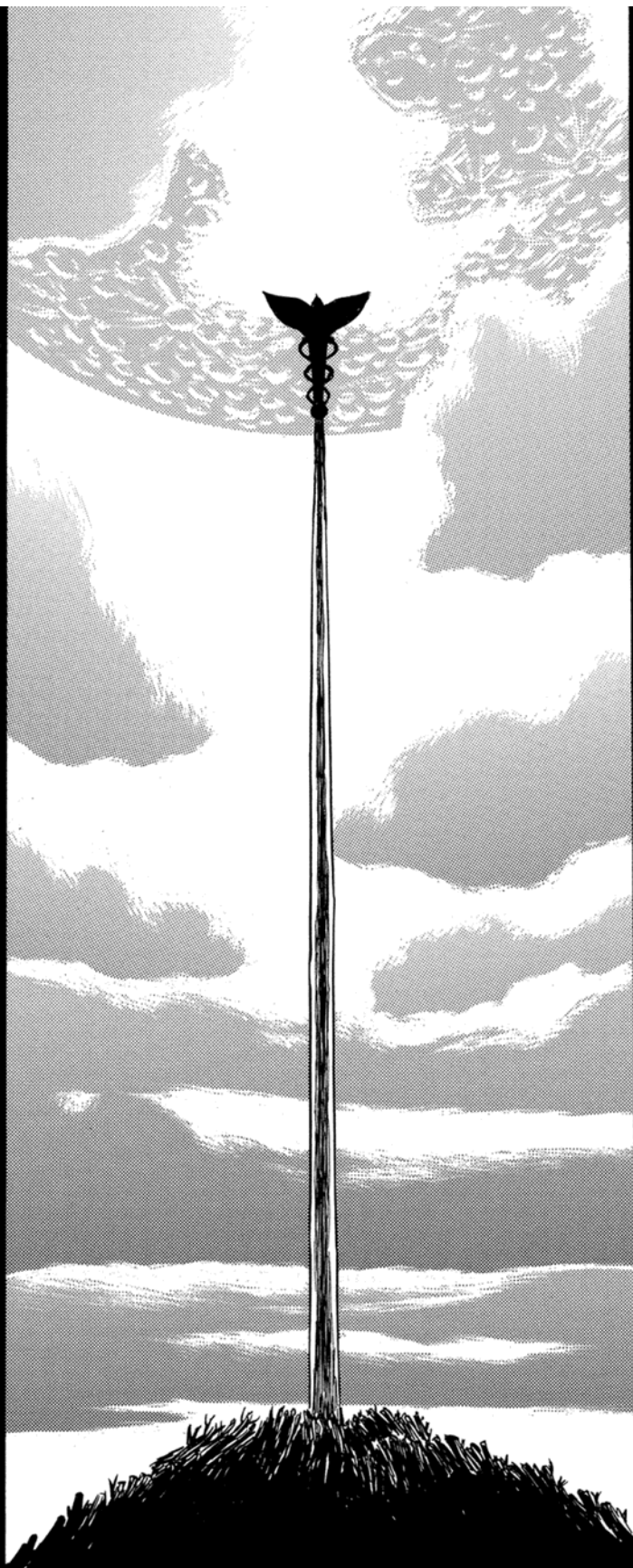
NOW I
CAN'T EVEN
GET DECENT
SLEEP IN
THE
DAYTIME.

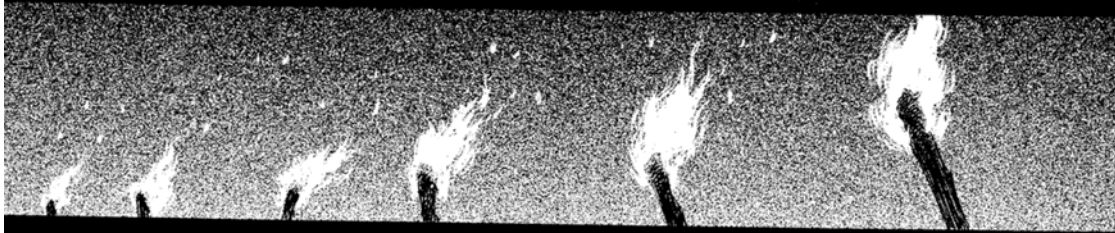
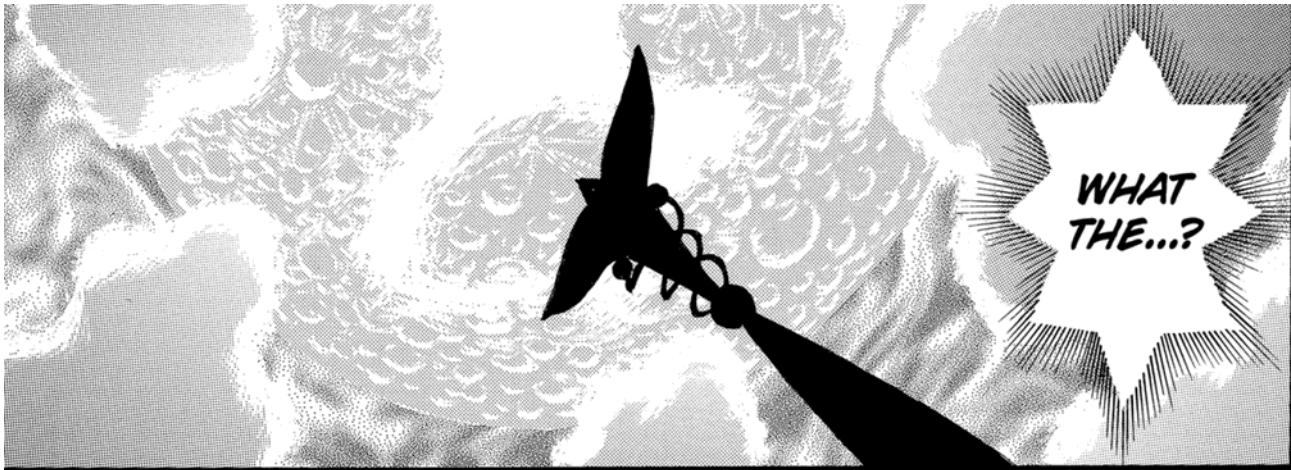


YOU AIN'T
SLEPT IN
TWO DAYS
NOW.

WHY
DON'TCHA
GO REST
ON THAT
HILL?

THE ANCIENTS
USED THAT
PLACE TO
ENSHRINE ELVES,
SO THE INCUBI
SHOULDN'T LIKE
IT ENOUGH TO
COME NEAR.
PROB'LY.









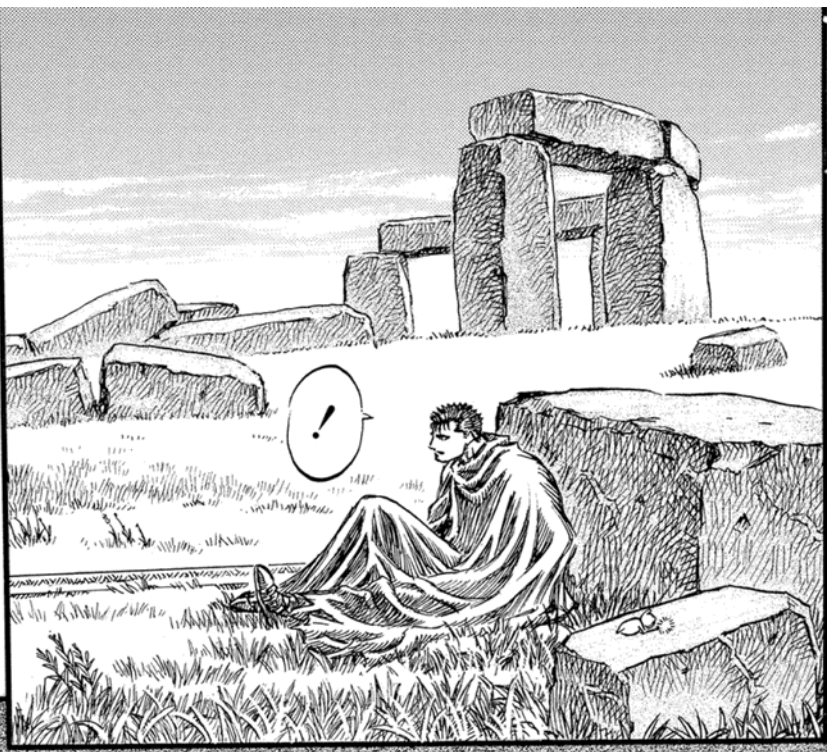
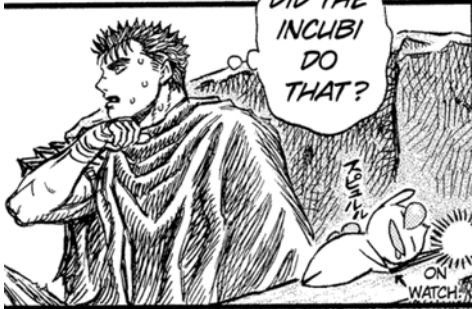


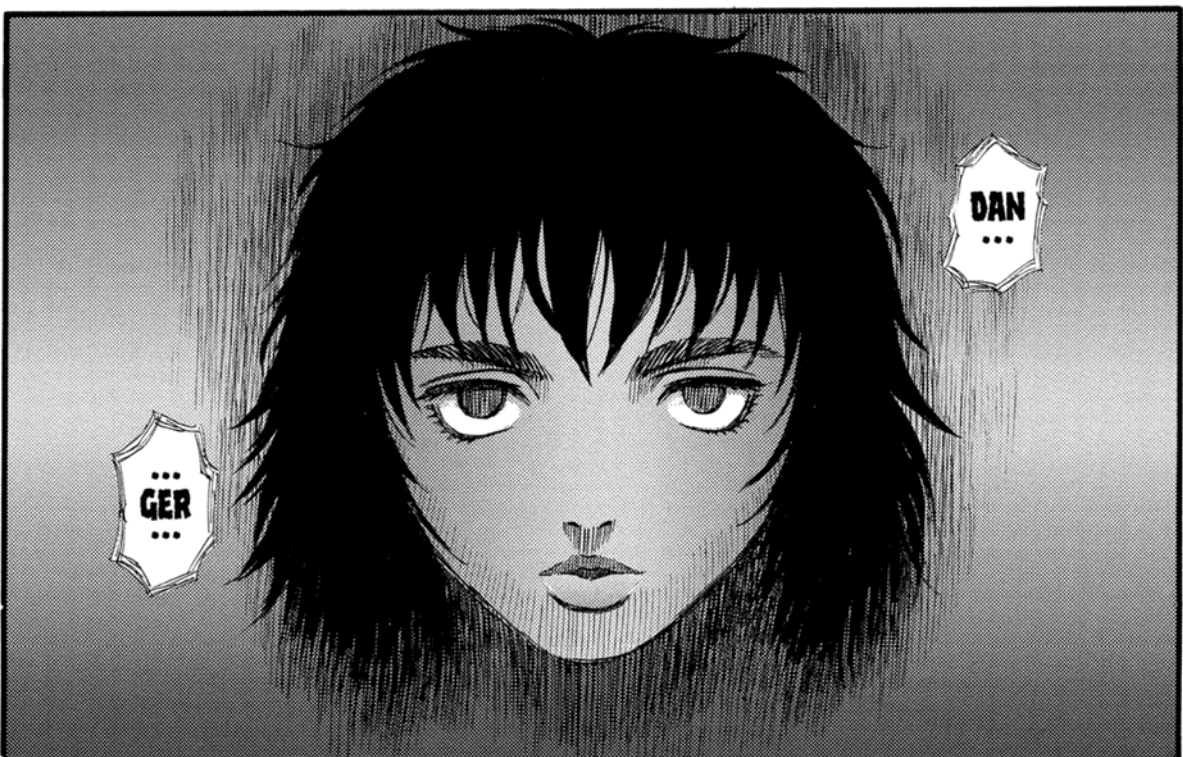
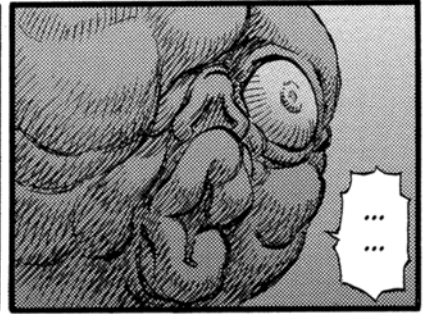
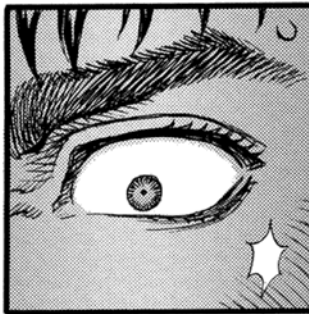
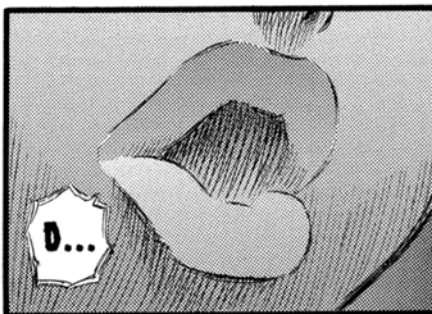
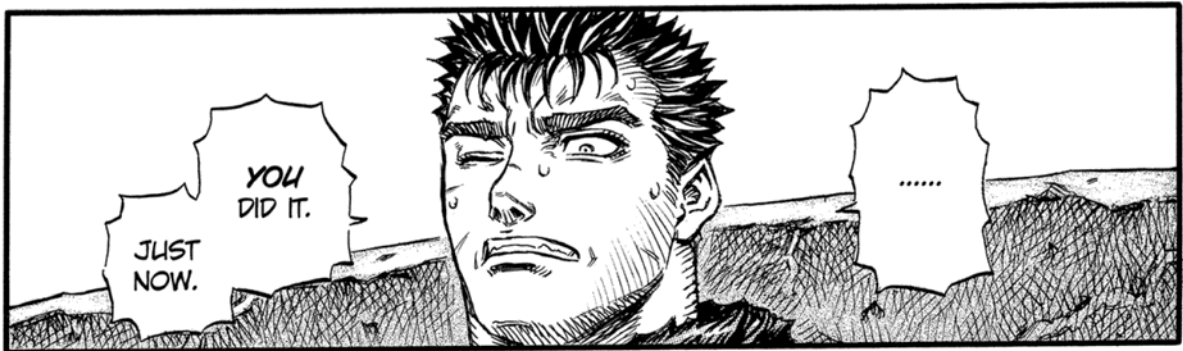
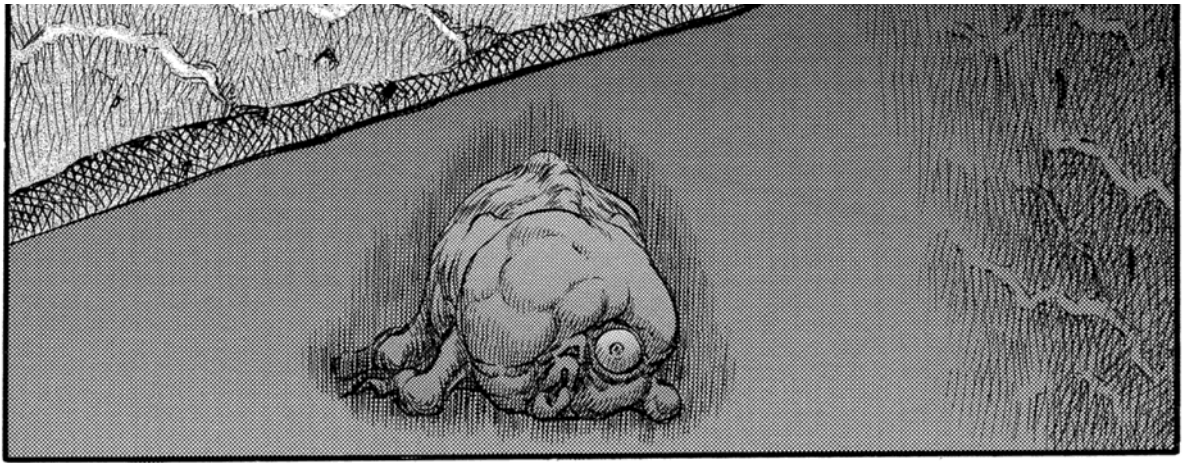
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*FX: HAHH HAHH

*FX: SPRLLLL





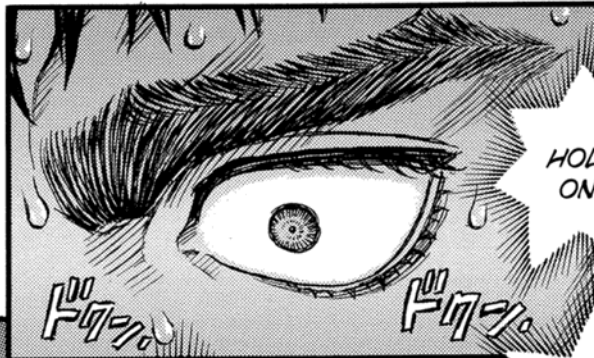




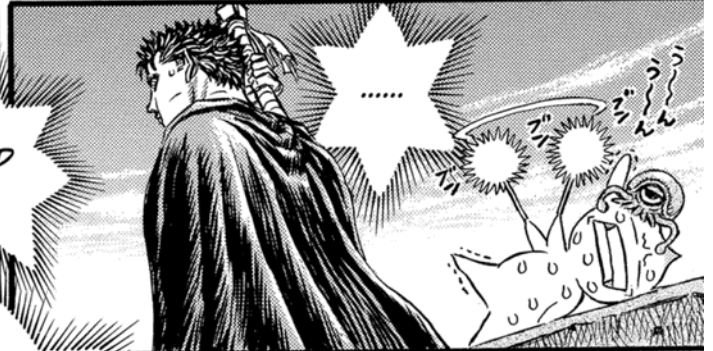
*FX: BATHUMP BATHUMP

*FX: VMM VMM VMM

*FX: HNNN HNNI



HOLD
ON.

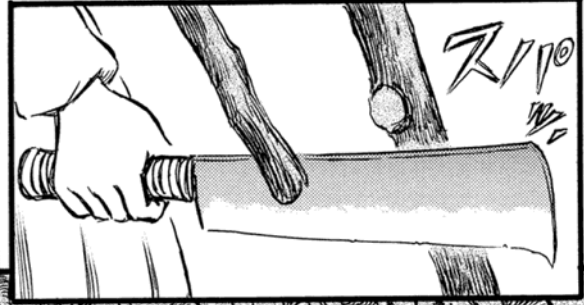




*FX: CHP CHP

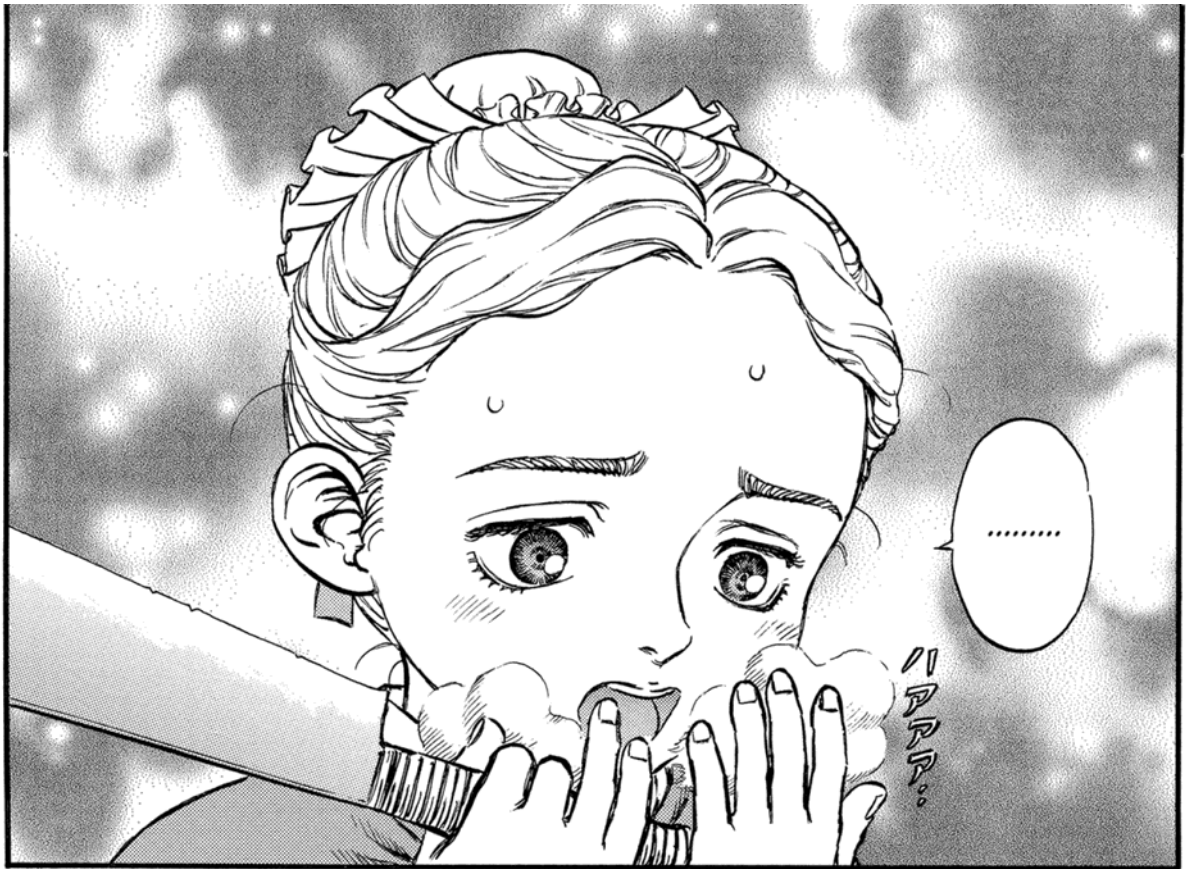
*FX: KLAT

*FX: CHMP

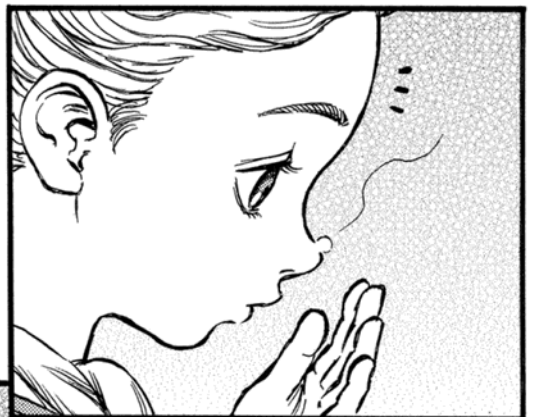


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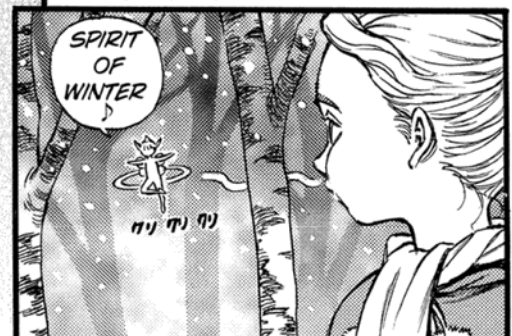
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CRACKS IN THE BLADE

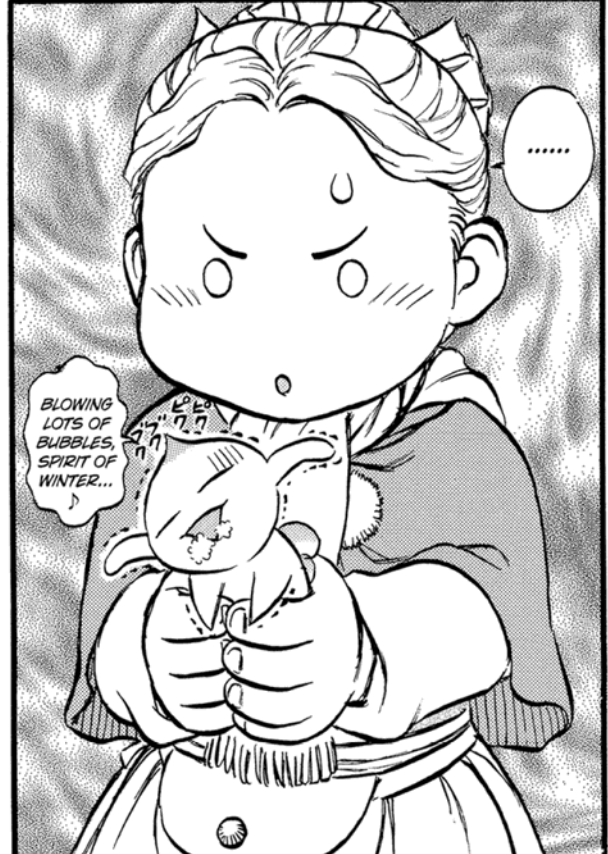
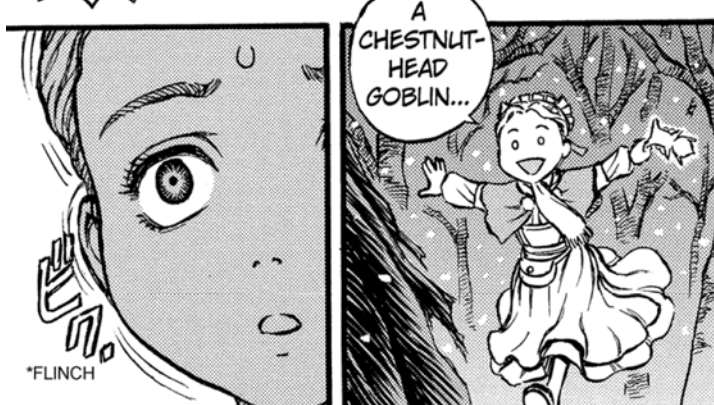
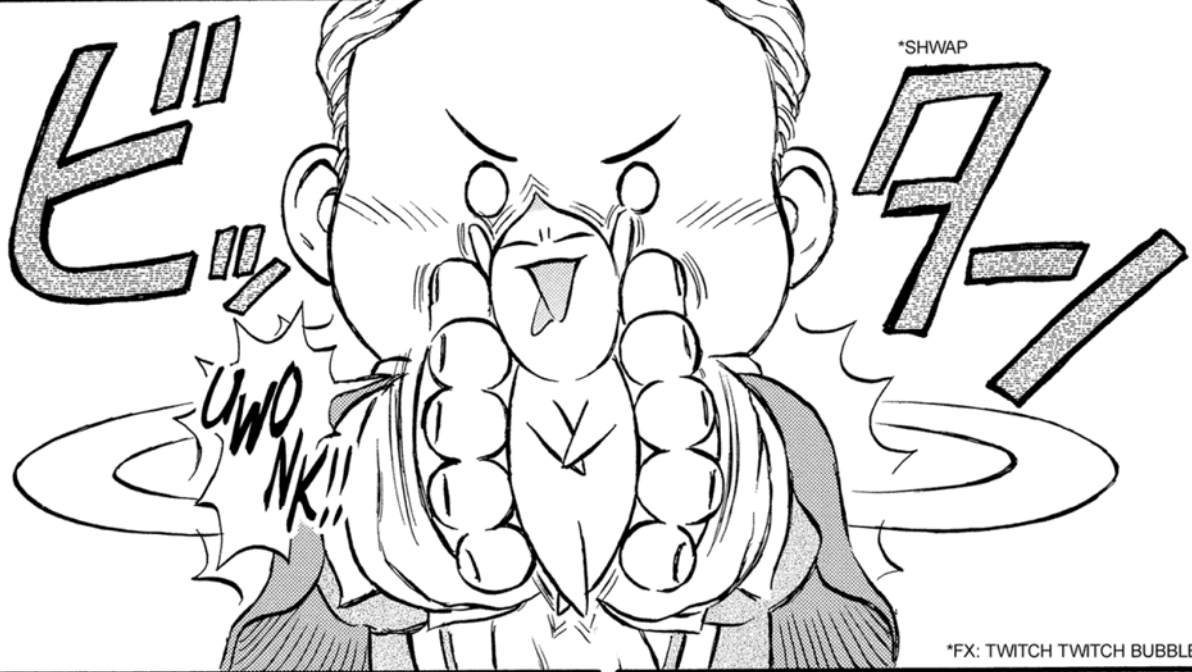
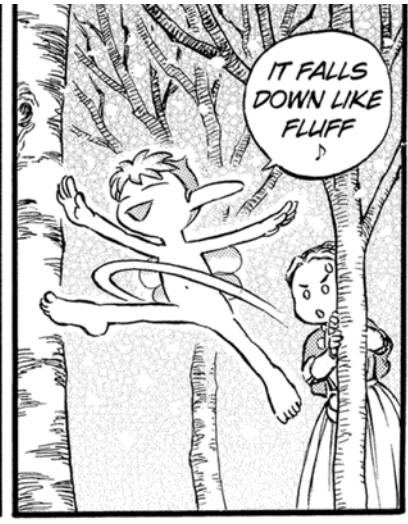
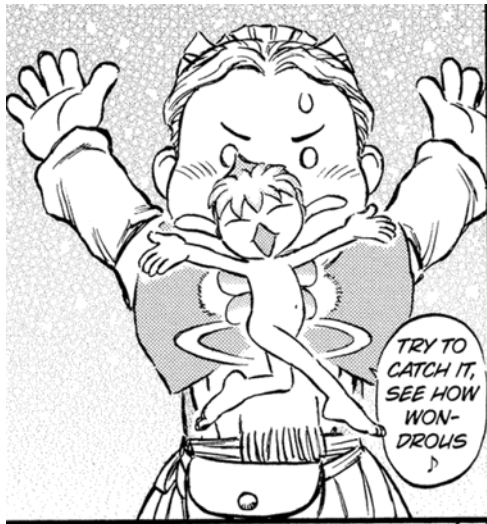


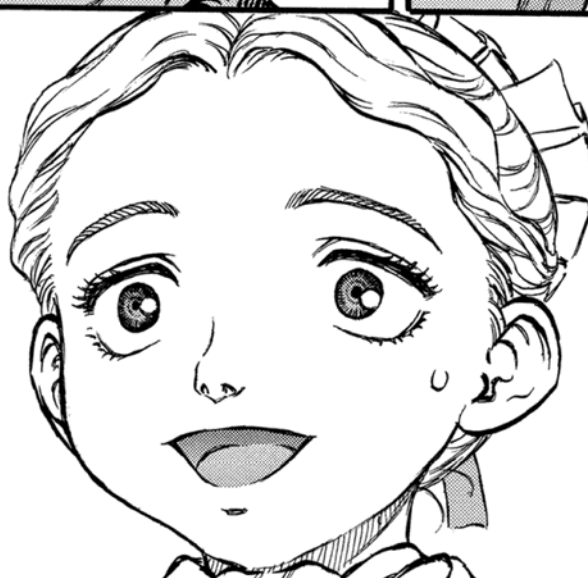
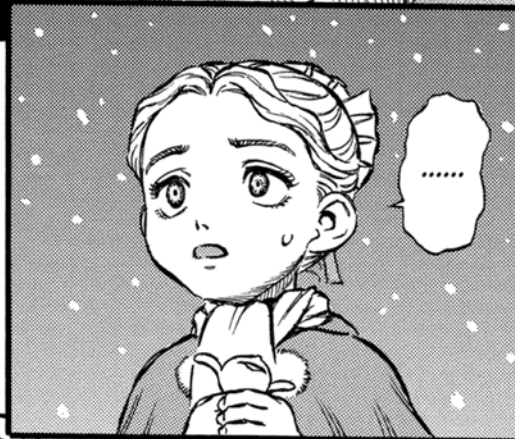
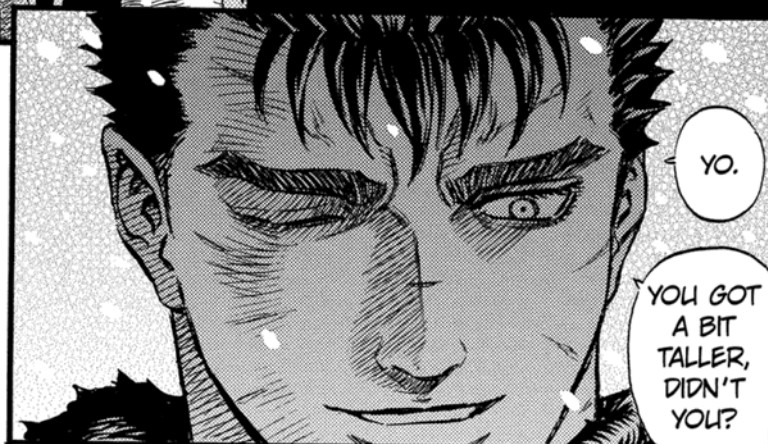
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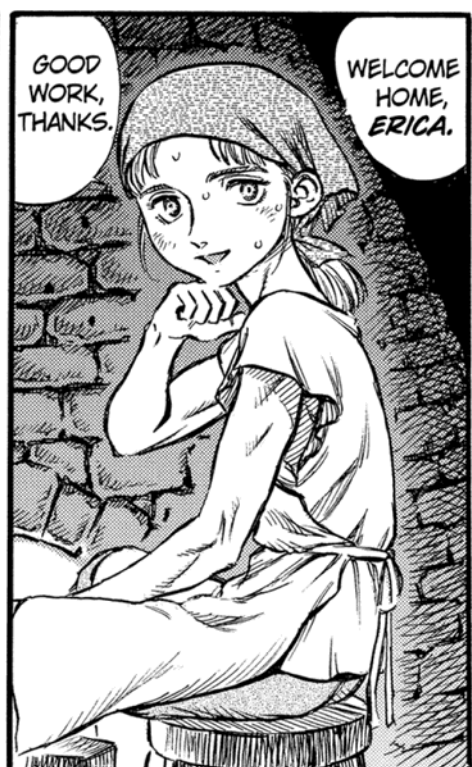


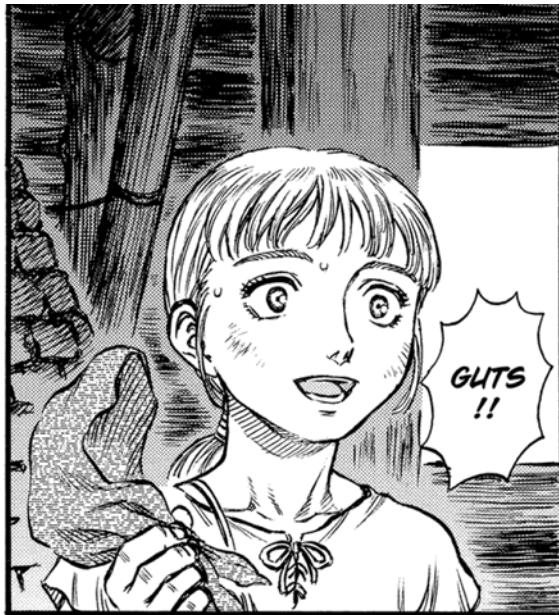
*FX: SPIN SPIN SPIN









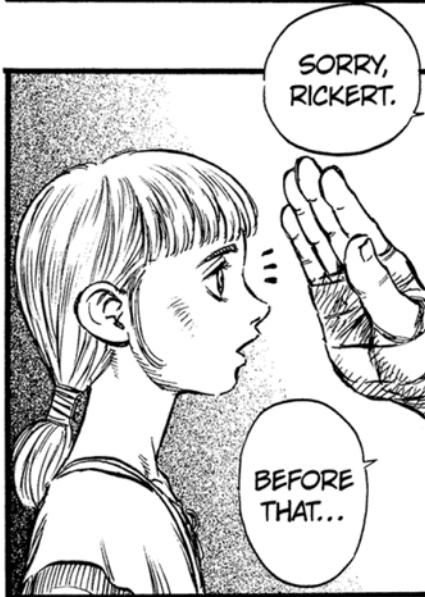


GLITS
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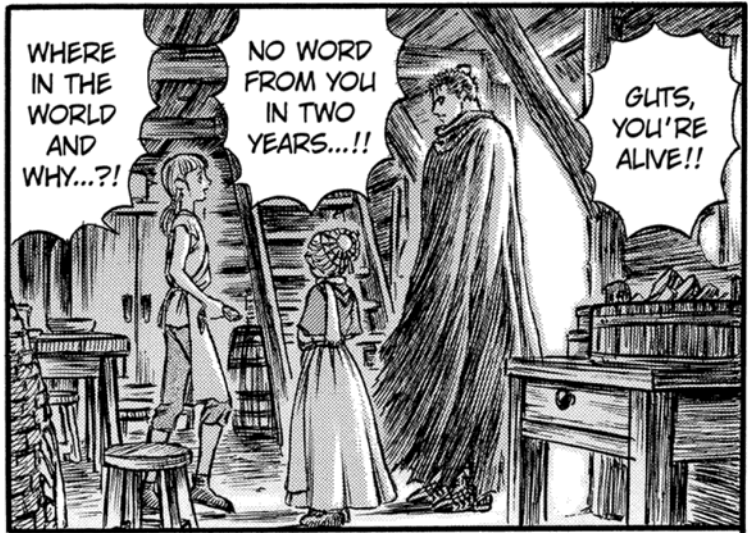
YOU LOOK
A LOT
STRONGER.

DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
YOU.



SORRY,
RICKERT.

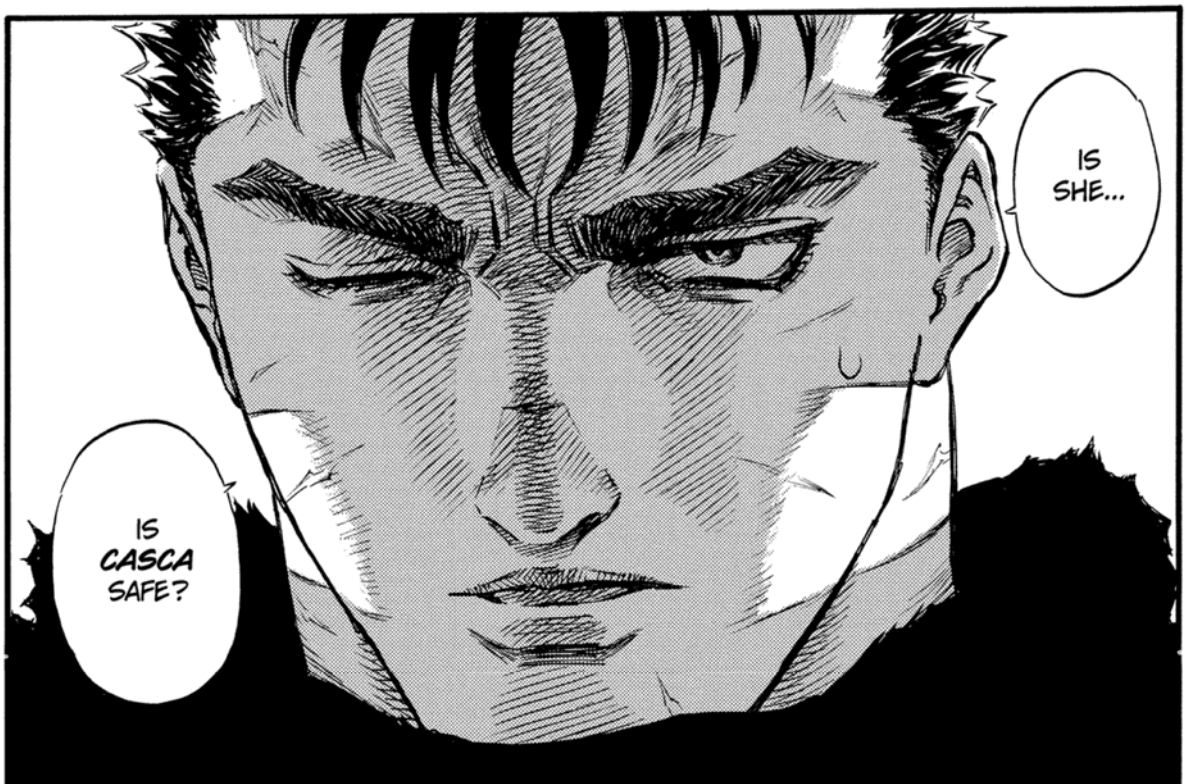
BEFORE
THAT...



WHERE
IN THE
WORLD
AND
WHY...?!

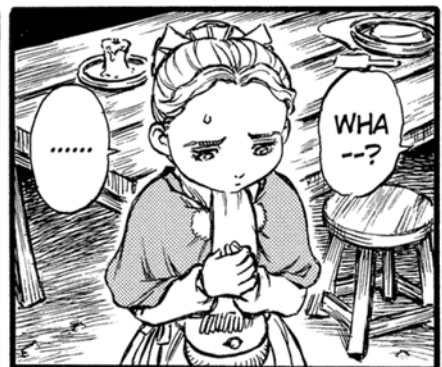
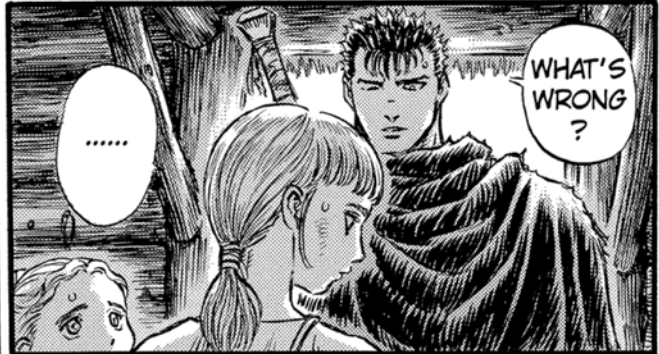
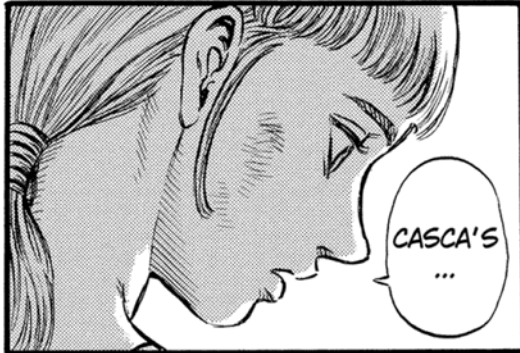
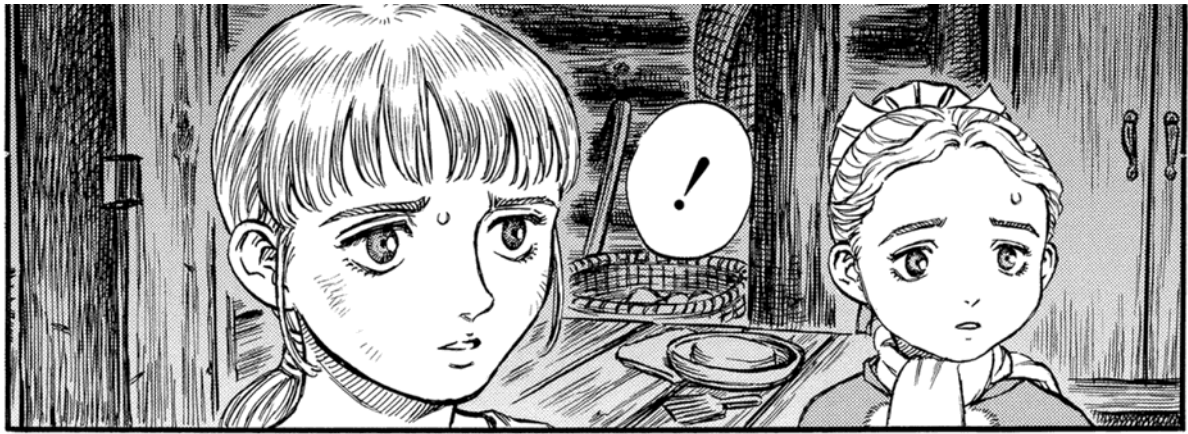
NO WORD
FROM YOU
IN TWO
YEARS...!!

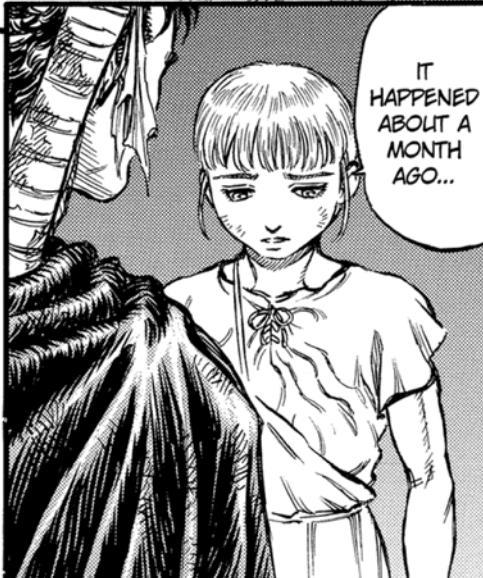
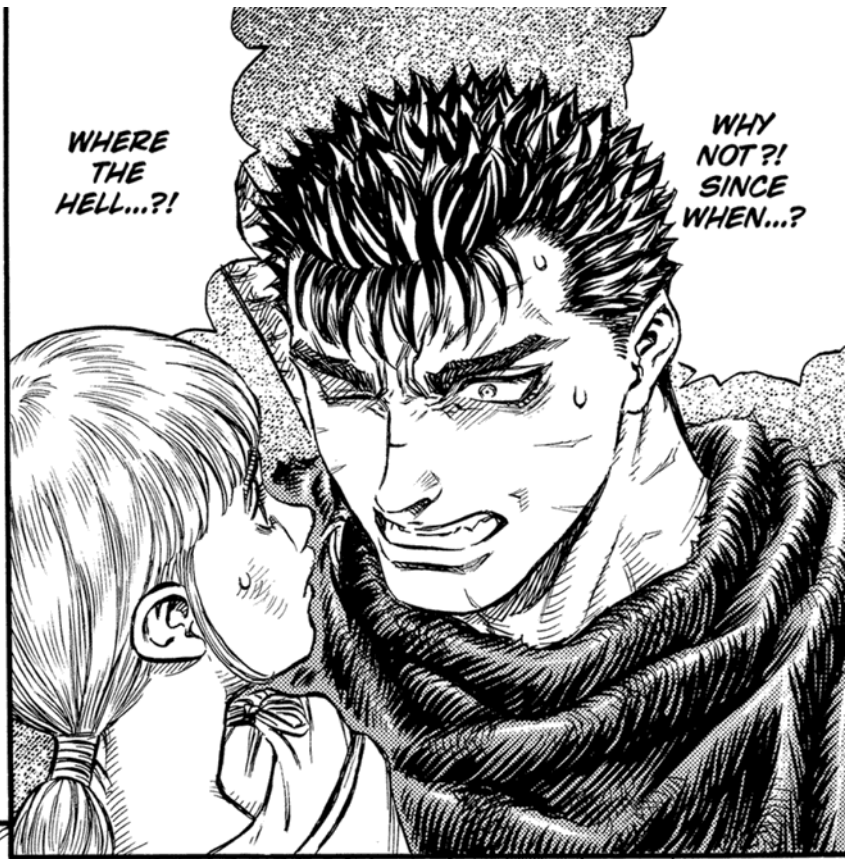
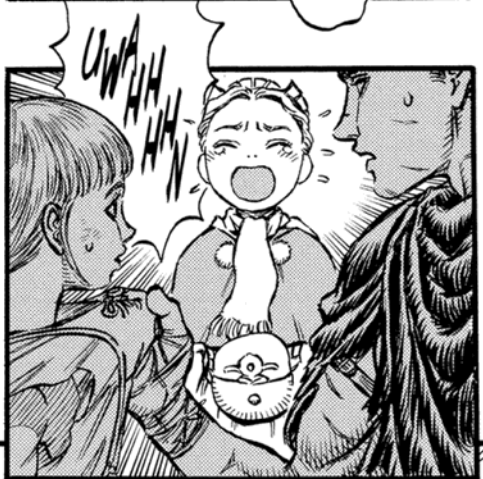
GLITS,
YOU'RE
ALIVE!!



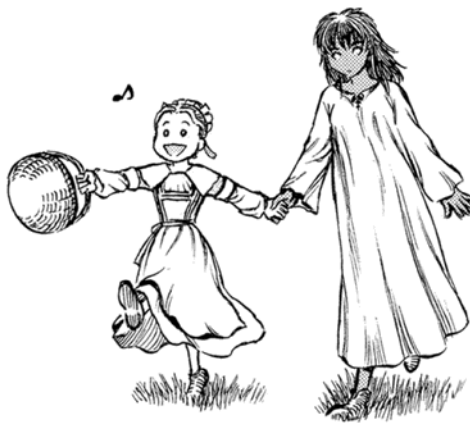
IS
SHE...

IS
CASCA
SAFE?





ERICA COULDN'T
STAND SEEING
IT, SO SHE
TOOK HER
ALONG TO GO
PICK FRUIT...



CASCA HAD LIVED IN
THE CAVE FOR SO
LONG SHE WAS
PRETTY SICK OF IT...
LATELY SHE'D
GOTTEN WHERE
SHE WOULDN'T
EVEN EAT MUCH.

AND YET
HERE YOU
ARE...

YOU KNOW
FULL WELL
HOW CASCA
IS NOW!!

WHY AREN'T
YOU OUT
LOOKING
FOR HER?!

I LOOKED
FOR HER
UNTIL THE
SUN WENT
DOWN,
BUT I
COULDN'T
FIND
HER...

BEFORE
I KNEW
IT, SHE
WAS
GONE.

BUT
RICKERT
...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

STUPID
STUPID
STUPID!!

STUPID
GUTS!!





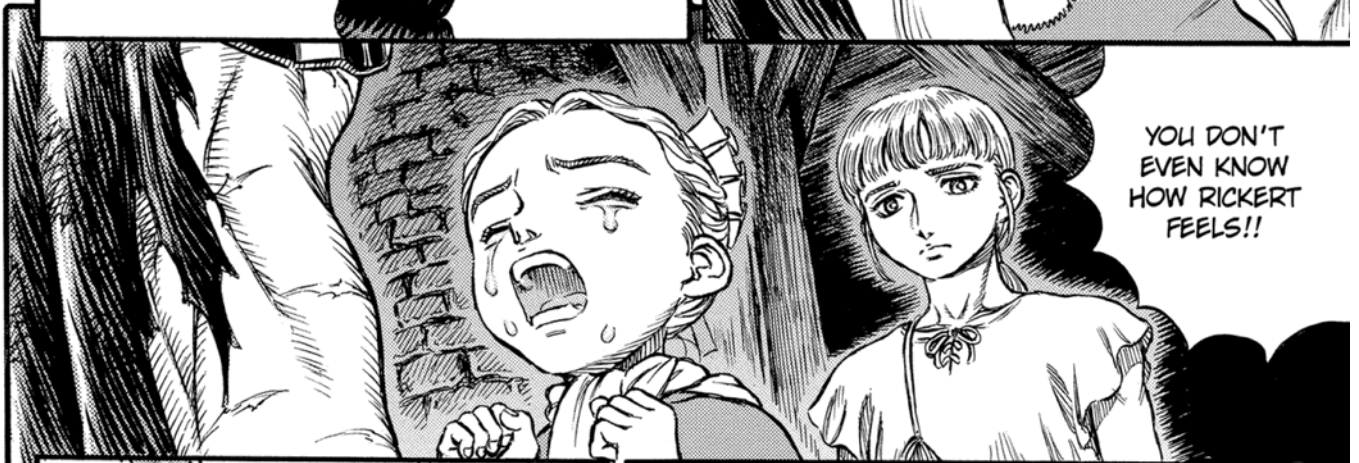
AND THEN
YOU WENT
OFF
SOMEWHERE
FOR **TWO**
YEARS!!

YOU WENT
AND **LEFT**
HER
HERE....!!



**WHAT
ABOUT
WHAT YOU
DID?!**

**WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA?!**



YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
HOW RICKERT
FEELS!!

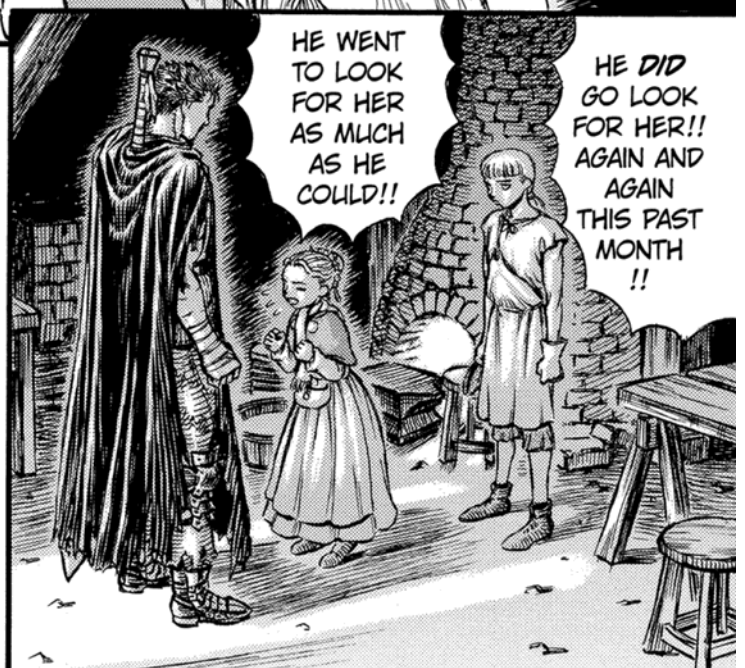


... RICKERT ...

BUT...

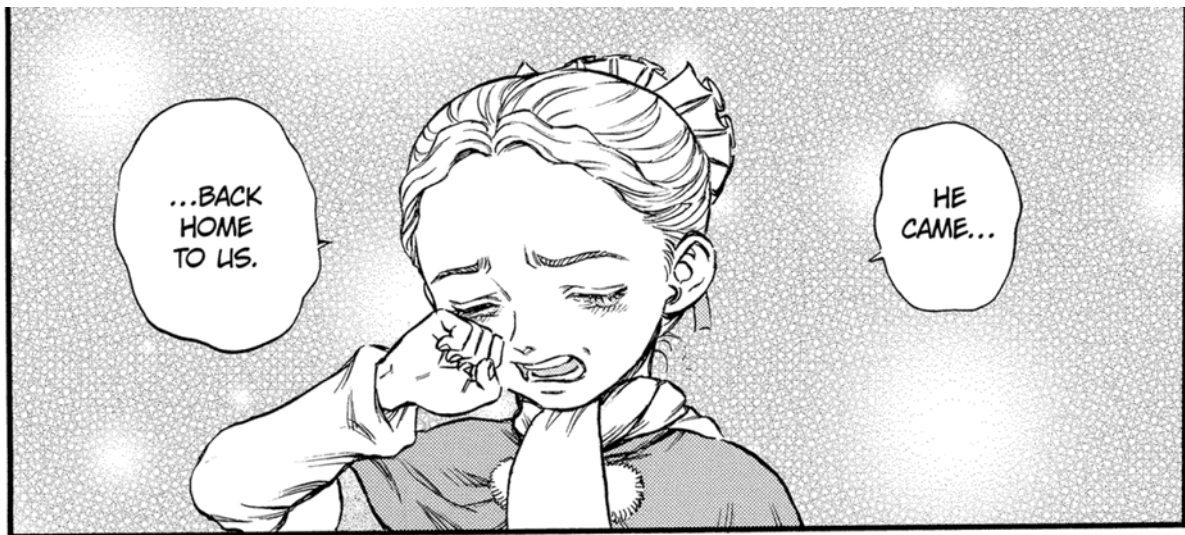
...CAME
BACK
TO US.

*SQUEEZE
#2...



HE WENT
TO LOOK
FOR HER
AS MUCH
AS HE
COULD!!

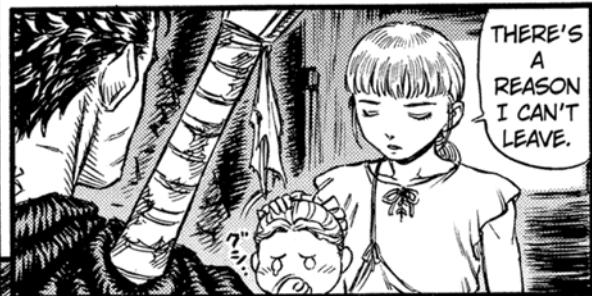
HE **DID**
GO LOOK
FOR HER!!
AGAIN AND
AGAIN
THIS PAST
MONTH
!!



*FX: GREE



*FX: SNFF





GODO...



SO WHAT'S
SO WEIRD
ABOUT SEEIN'
A HALF-DEAD
OLD MAN OR
TWO?

I HEAR
YOU CAN'T
THROW A
ROCK WITH-
OUT HITTIN'
A DEAD
BODY DOWN
THERE.

WIPE THAT
STUPID
LOOK OFF
YOUR
FACE.



JUST WHEN
I THOUGHT
I'D HAVE
A QUIET,
PEACEFUL
DEATH...

...THE
NOISY
IDIOT HAD
TO COME
BACK.



PLAGUE
?

NOTHIN' SO
SPECIAL AS
ALL THAT.
IT'S JUST
OLD AGE,
OLD AGE...



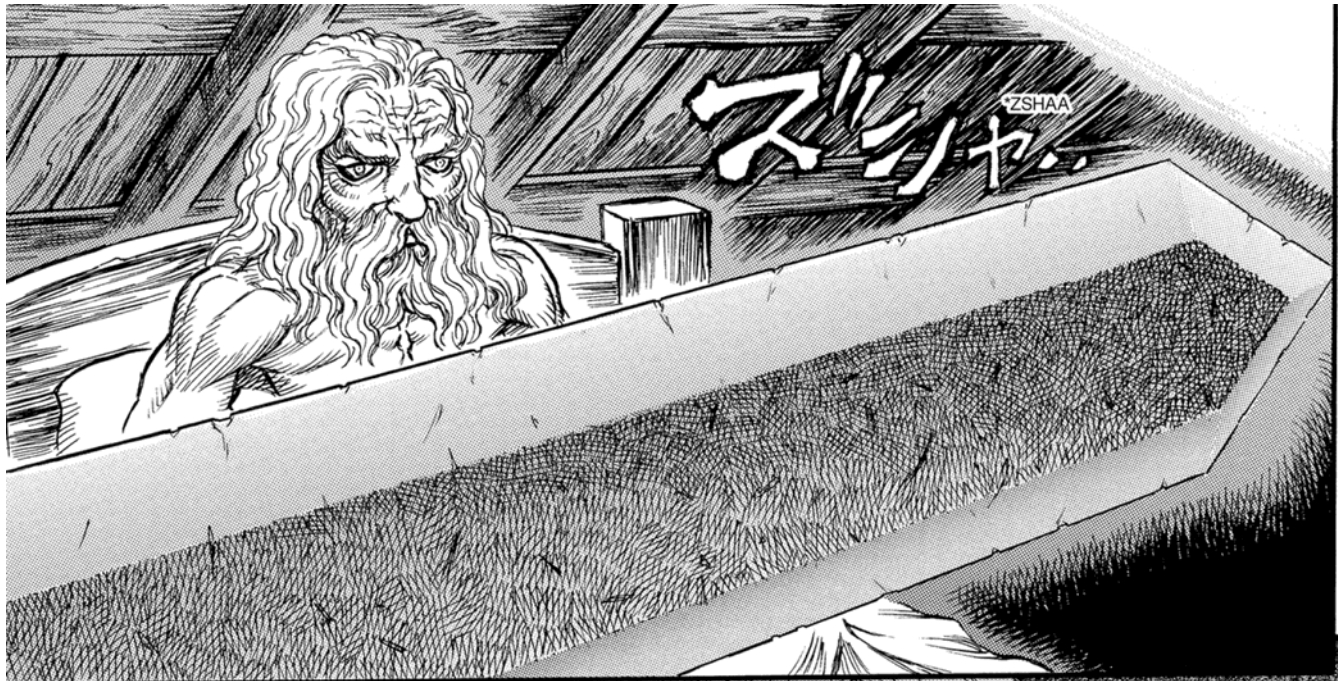
SO.

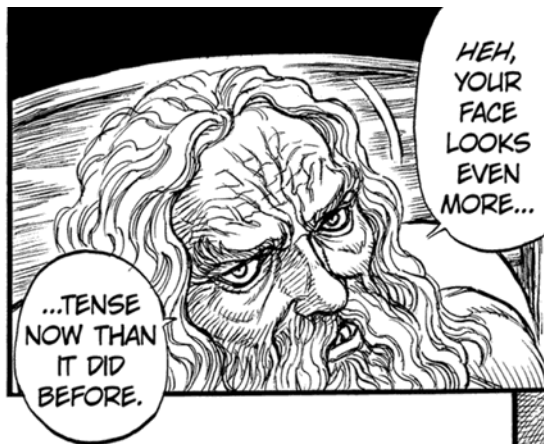
LEMME
SEE THE
SWORD
AND HAND.

ENOUGH OF
THE LONG-
WINDED
SPEECH.



WELL, YOU
GET TO BE
HERE AT
MY DEATH.
I GUESS
GOD'S BEIN'
NICE TO
YOU.





HEH,
YOUR
FACE
LOOKS
EVEN
MORE...

...TENSE
NOW THAN
IT DID
BEFORE.



...YOU
WOULDN'T
EVEN BE
ABLE TO
STAND UP,
HUH?

SO IF
YOU
DIDN'T
HATE
THAT
MUCH
...

.....



...I GUESS
I HAD
SOME CLUE
WHAT IT
COULD'VE
BEEN.

AFTER-
WARDS,
WHEN
THAT
MONSTER
CAME
CALLIN'
...



...I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
IT WAS
THAT
HAP-
PENED
TO YOU
ALL.



...WHEN
RICKERT
ROLLED
IN HERE
WITH THE
TWO OF
YOU
BUSTED
UP...

TWO
YEARS
AGO...



...BUT
WORSE,
YOU DO IT
FOR RE-
TALIATION,
FOR
REVENGE.

SO YOU'RE WAGIN'
WAR AGAINST
THINGS LIKE THAT.
I CAN'T EVEN SAY
FOR SURE IF
THAT'S THE RIGHT
THING TO DO.



FROM
WAR...

FROM
HATRED.

LISTEN...
WHY NOT
RUN
AWAY?



...WHAT?



THE MORE YOU SHARPEN, THE MORE IT RUSTS, SO YOU SHARPEN IT AGAIN.

IN THE END ALL THAT'S LEFT IS A PILE OF RUST AND SCRAPS.

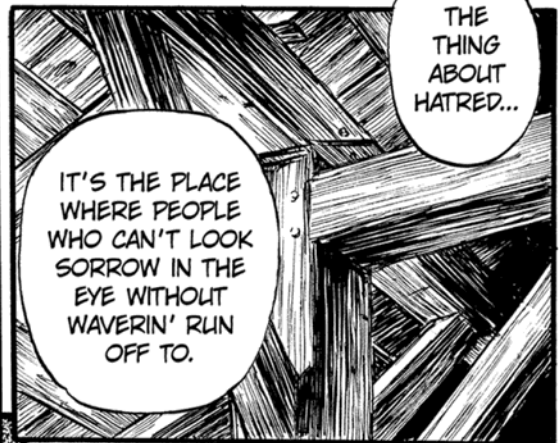
EVEN MORE THAN A BLOOD-RUSTED SWORD, VENGEANCE IS SOMETHIN' YOU SOAK AND SHARPEN IN BLOOD.

YOU SINK THE BLADE CALLED YOUR HEART DEEP INTO BLOOD IN ORDER TO FIX THE NICKS CALLED SORROW.



IT'S THE RAMBLINGS OF A DYING OLD MAN.

JUST LISTEN.



THE THING ABOUT HATRED...

IT'S THE PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T LOOK SORROW IN THE EYE WITHOUT WAVERIN' RUN OFF TO.



...RUNNIN' ALL THROUGH IT.

DAMN CRACKS CALLED FEAR...



YOU TELLIN' ME TO BECOME A BLACK-SMITH OR SOMETHIN'?

AH, C'MON.

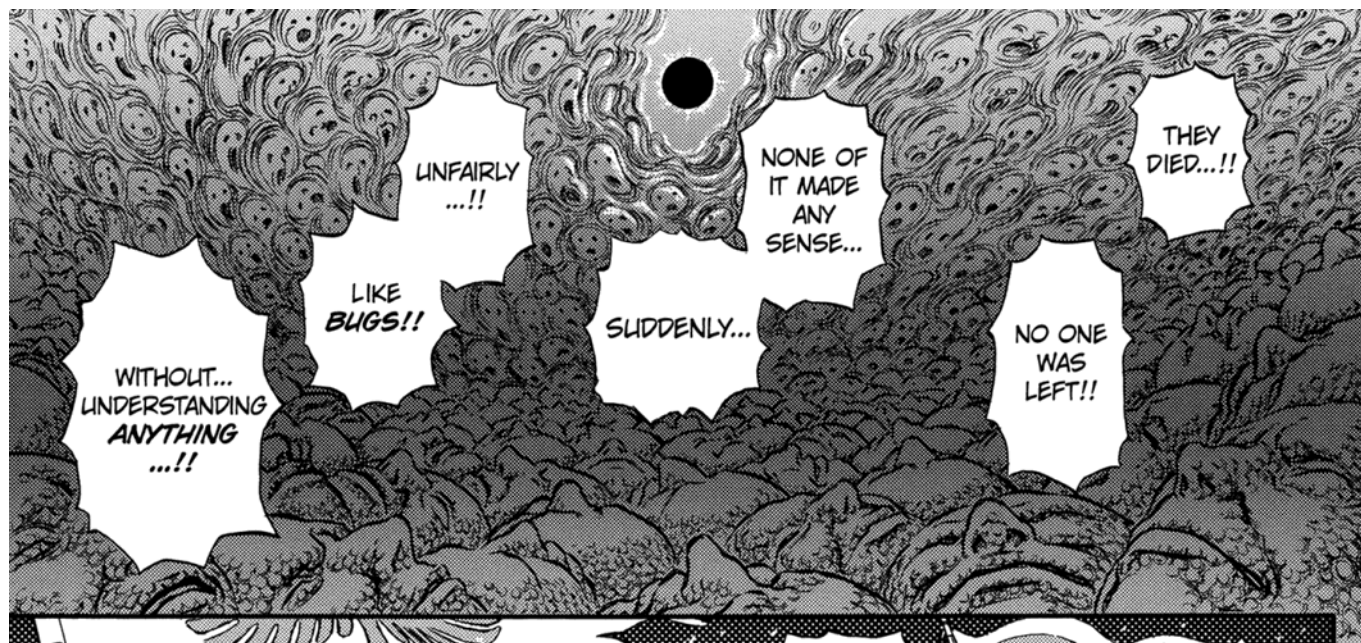
IT AIN'T LIKE YOU TO LECTURE.



YOU'VE GOT SOME HUGE NICKS IN YOUR HEART...

I WOULDN'T BLAME YOU IF YOU WANTED TO.





UNFAIRLY
...!!

NONE OF
IT MADE
ANY
SENSE...

THEY
DIED...!!

LIKE
BUGS!!

SUDDENLY...

NO ONE
WAS
LEFT!!

WITHOUT...
UNDERSTANDING
ANYTHING
...!!



...IRRE-
PLACEABLE.

TO ME
THEY
WERE...

IN AN
INSTANT
...

BUT STILL
...

THEY
COULD'VE
DONE
SOMETHING
IF THEY'D
LIVED...

...ALL
YOUNG.

THEY
WERE
...



YOU WENT
ALONE.

!

YOU
ABANDONED
THOSE
IRREPLACEABLE
THINGS.



...AND WENT
AWAY BY
YOURSELF.

ON THAT DAY TWO
YEARS AGO, IN
YOUR HOPELESS
SUFFERING, YOU
LEFT THE LAST
IRREPLACEABLE
THINGS YOU HAD...



YET YOU
COULDN'T BEAR
TO IMMERSE
YOURSELF
TOGETHER IN
SORROW WITH
THEM...

YOU WERE
RIGHT BESIDE
THOSE
IRREPLACEABLE
THINGS...



...YOU RAN
AWAY SO THAT
YOUR **OWN**
MALICE COULD
BURN INSIDE
YOU.

AM I
WRONG?

SO
INSTEAD...

DO YOU HAVE
ANY PLACE
TALKING
ABOUT
REVENGE
FOR YOUR
FRIENDS...

...WHEN
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
WENT OFF,
ABANDONING
THAT GIRL
HERE?

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
PLACE
CRITICIZING
RICKERT,
WHO YOU
LEFT HERE?

...AND
RELY ON
FIGHTING.

...YOU
GO AND
CHOOSE
YOURSELF...

AT THE
CRITICAL
MOMENT...

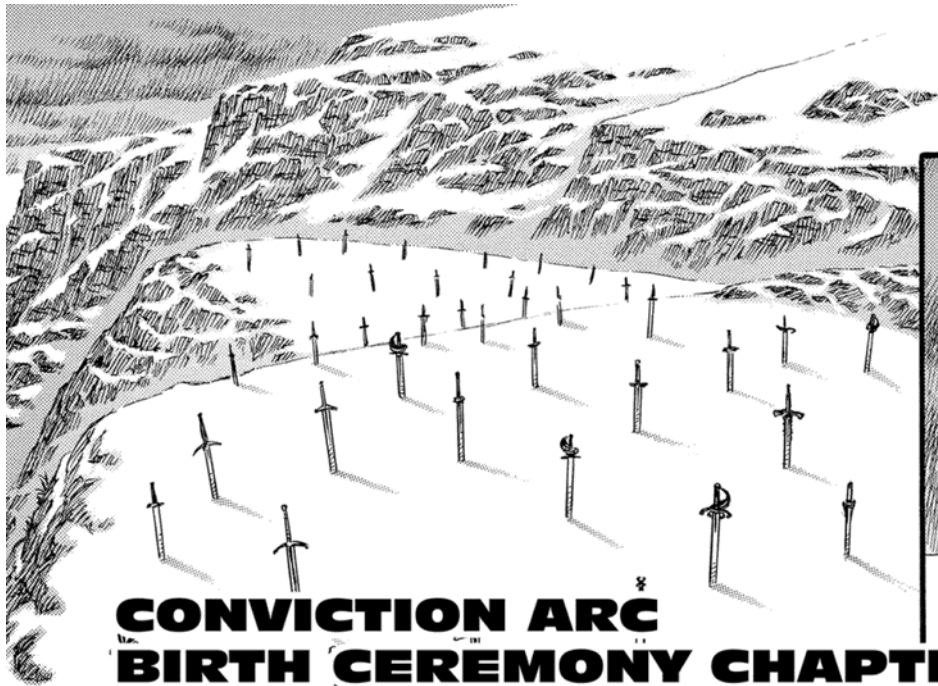
ONE WITH
COUNTLESS NICKS,
SOAKED IN BLOOD
AND RUSTING.

YOU'RE LIKE A
DRAWN SWORD
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

A SWORD
THAT'S BEGUN
TO **BREAK**.

...WITH A
LETHAL
CRACK IN
IT.

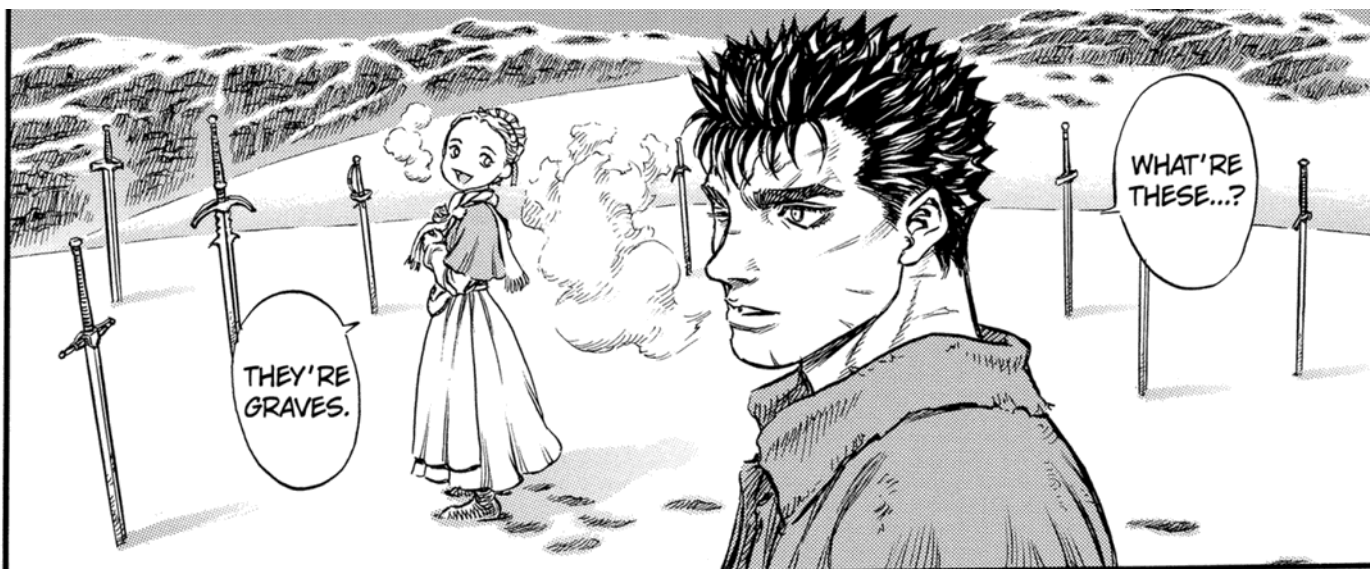
BERSERK



CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
A FEEBLE FLAME

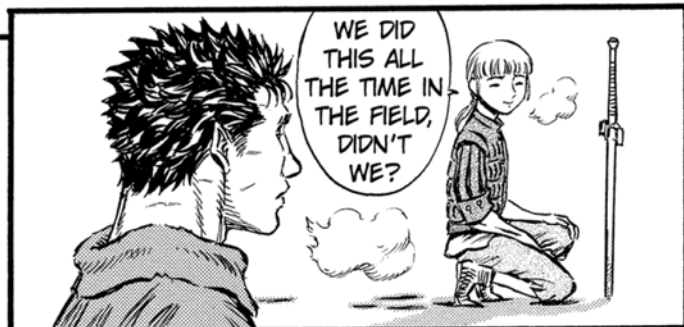
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生誕祭の章
かよわき炎



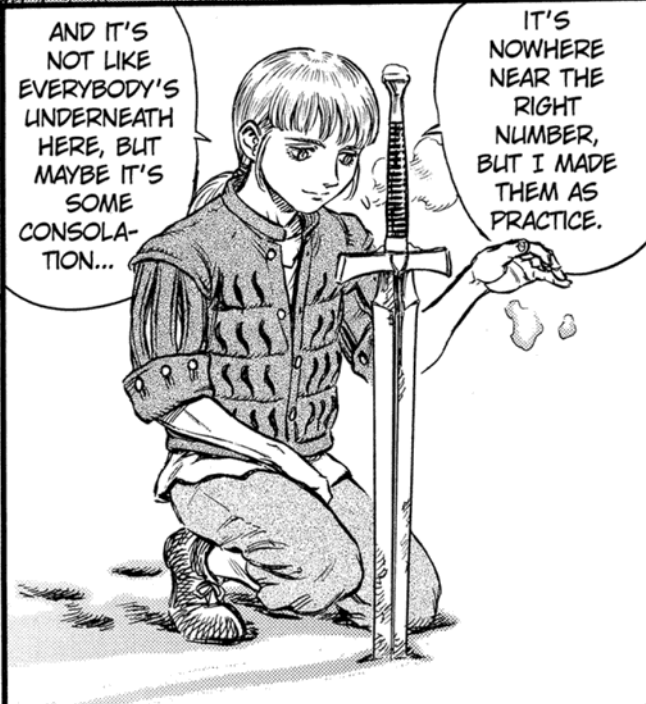


WHAT'RE THESE...?

THEY'RE GRAVES.

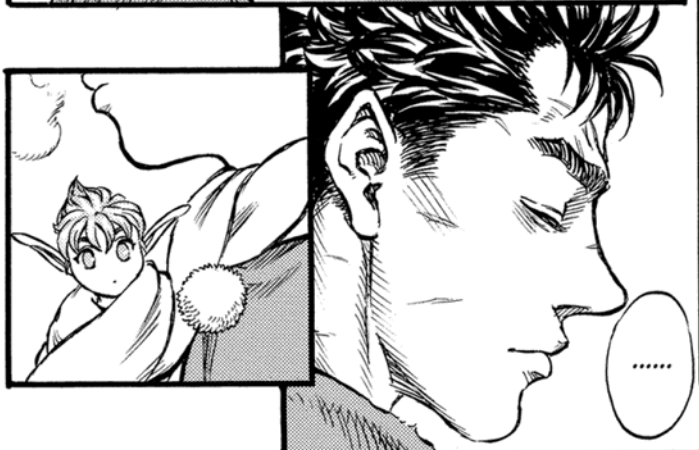


WE DID THIS ALL THE TIME IN THE FIELD, DIDN'T WE?



AND IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYBODY'S UNDERNEATH HERE, BUT MAYBE IT'S SOME CONSOLATION...

IT'S NOWHERE NEAR THE RIGHT NUMBER, BUT I MADE THEM AS PRACTICE.



.....



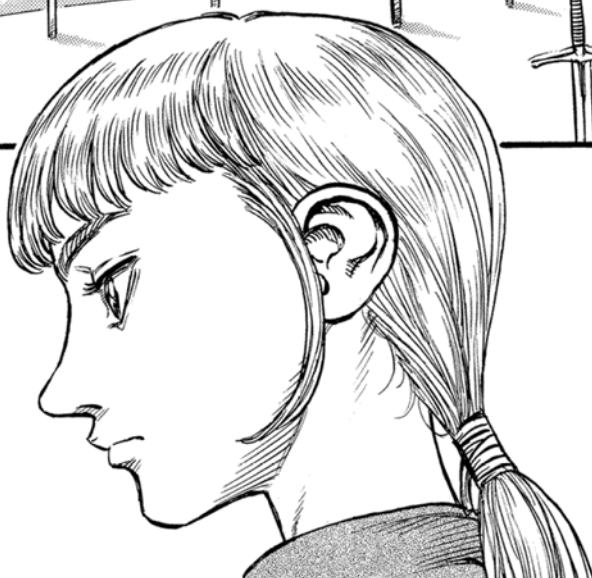
IN THE TIME I'VE GONE ON HATING, RICKERT'S DONE THIS...

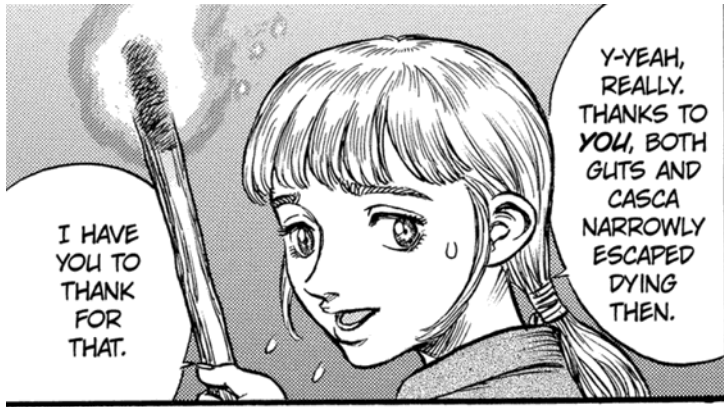
TWO YEARS... PLENTY OF TIME FOR A PERSON TO CHANGE.

...THROUGH THAT VIGOROUS STRENGTH OF HIS.

HE FOUND A NEW WAY TO LIVE...

FUNERALS TO ACCEPT THE DEATH OF HIS COMRADES.





I HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR THAT.

Y-YEAH, REALLY. THANKS TO YOU, BOTH GLITS AND CASCA NARROWLY ESCAPED DYING THEN.



OR SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT?

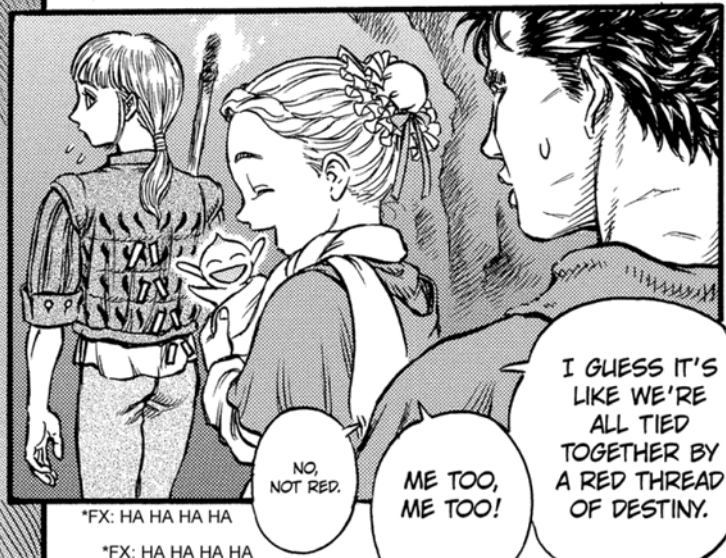
ALL LIES WITHIN THE CAUSAL CURRENT --



WHAT A SHOCKER!

STILL THOUGH, I'M AMAZED. THAT THE BOY FROM BACK THEN WOULD TURN OUT TO BE GLITS' FRIEND.

*FX: SNUG SNUG



NO, NOT RED.

ME TOO, ME TOO!

I GUESS IT'S LIKE WE'RE ALL TIED TOGETHER BY A RED THREAD OF DESTINY.

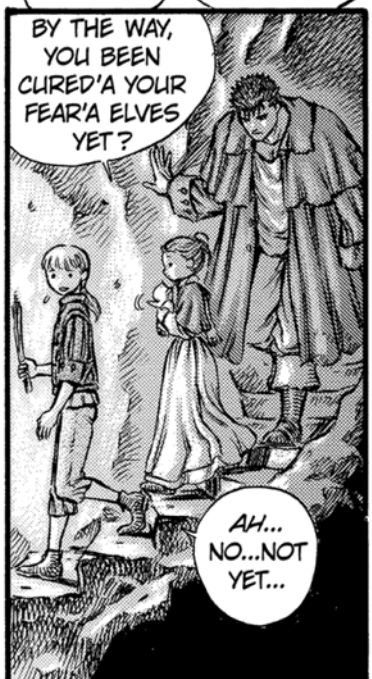
*FX: HA HA HA HA

*FX: HA HA HA HA



THEN LATER ON I'LL STAKE MY LIFE ON TREATIN' YOU!

AH...NO... DON'T BOTHER...



BY THE WAY, YOU BEEN CURED'A YOUR FEAR'A ELVES YET?

AH... NO...NOT YET...



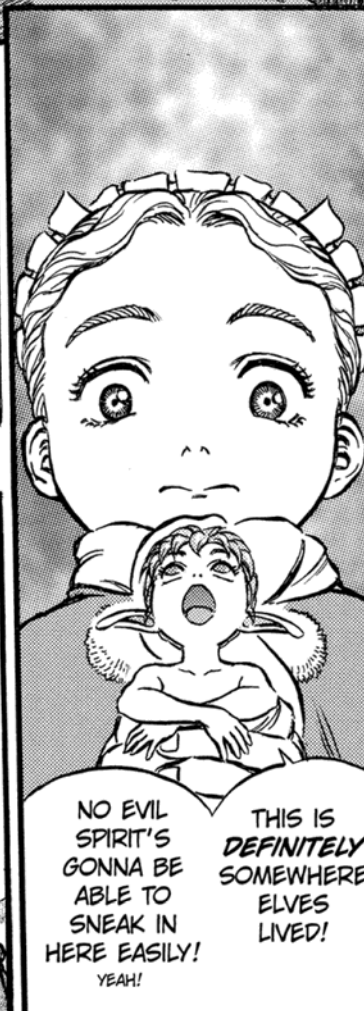
I KNOW
THAT
YOU'RE
ANXIOUS
...

BUT REST
WELL
TONIGHT.



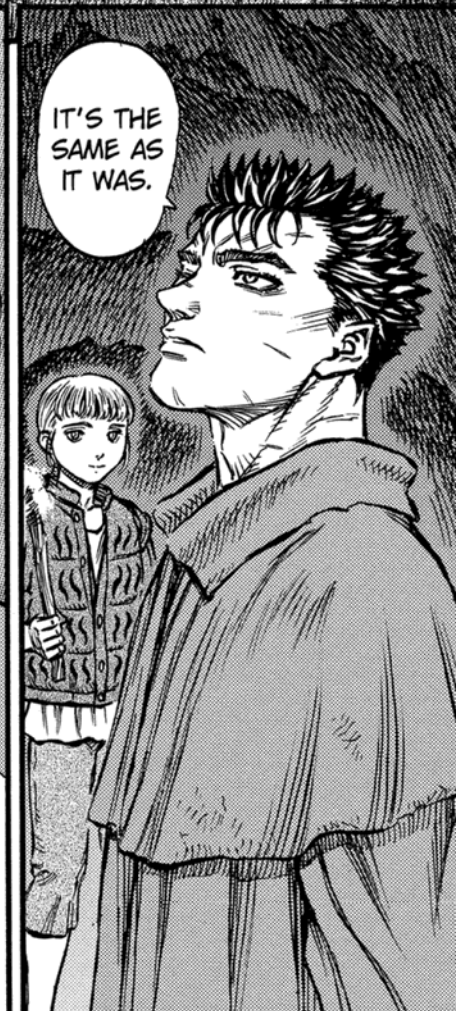
THEY
LOOK
PRETTY
ABUSED,
SO WE'LL
GET
THEM TO
WHERE
YOU CAN
HEAD OUT
SOON.

THERE'S
A LOT TO
TALK ABOUT,
BUT FOR
NOW
WE'LL
HURRY
AND
REPAIR
YOUR
SWORD
AND
HAND.

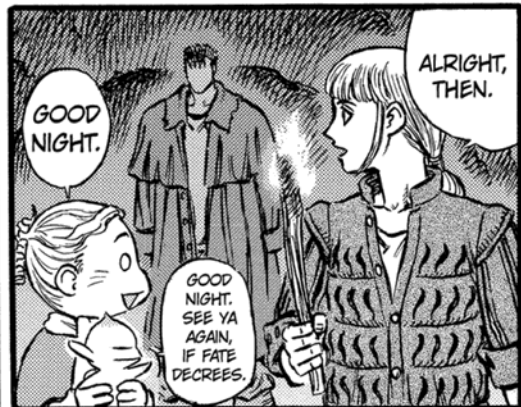
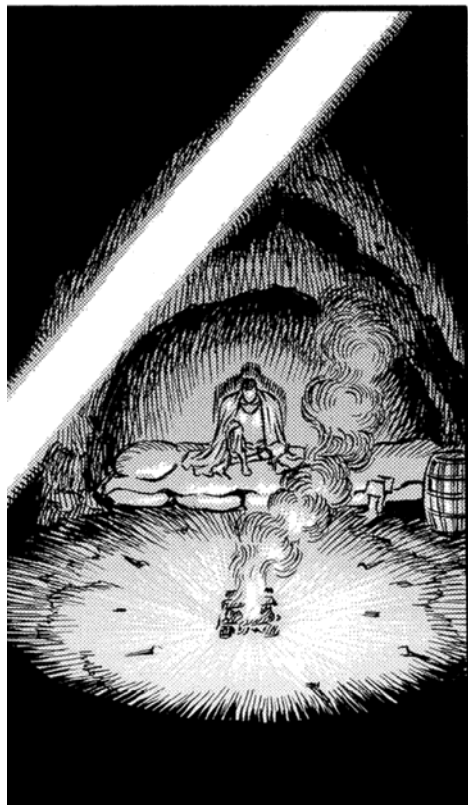
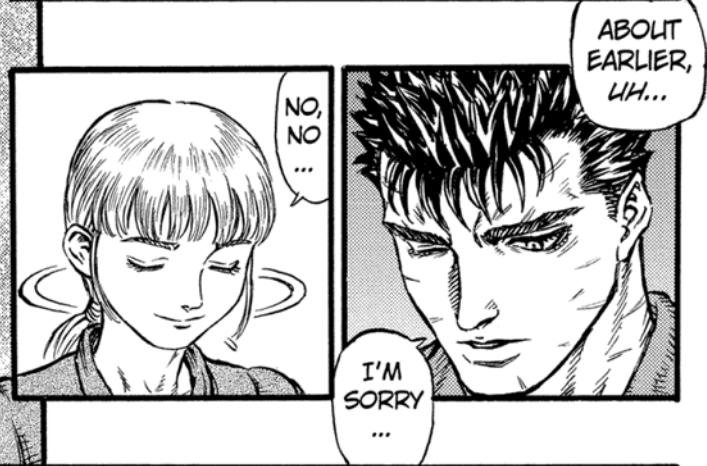
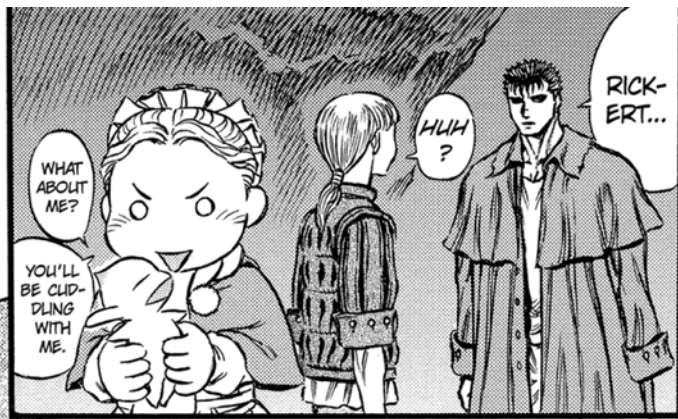
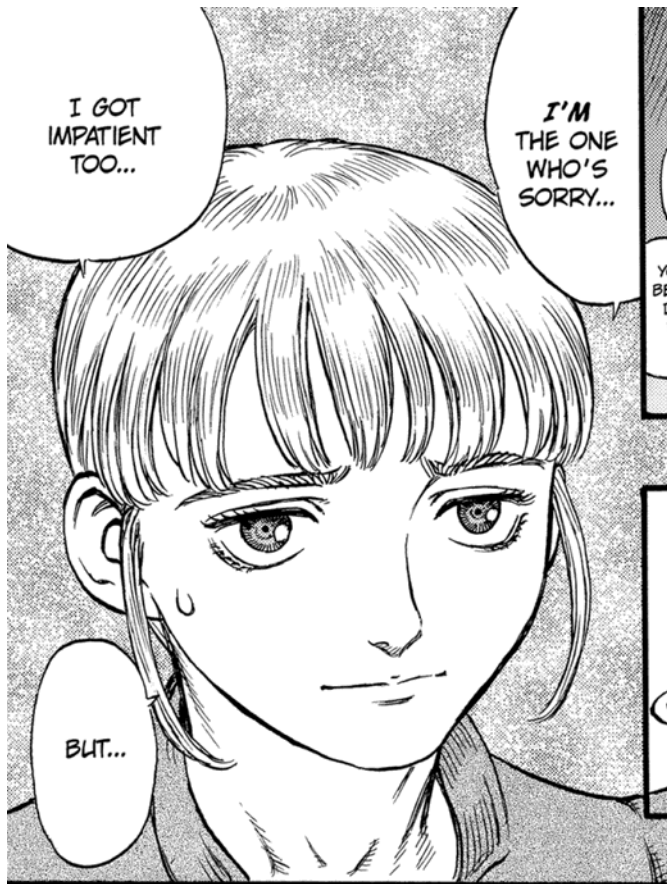


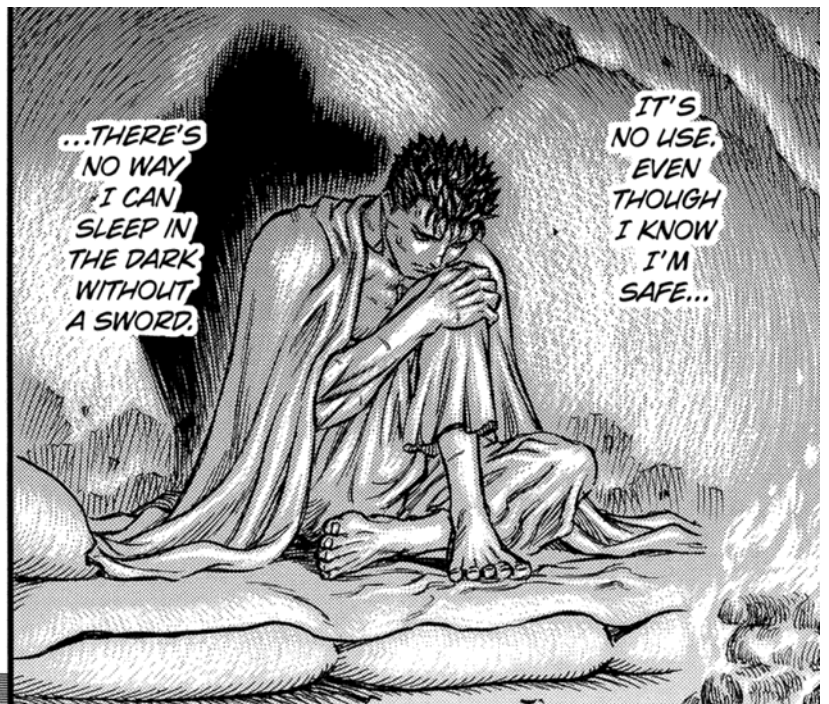
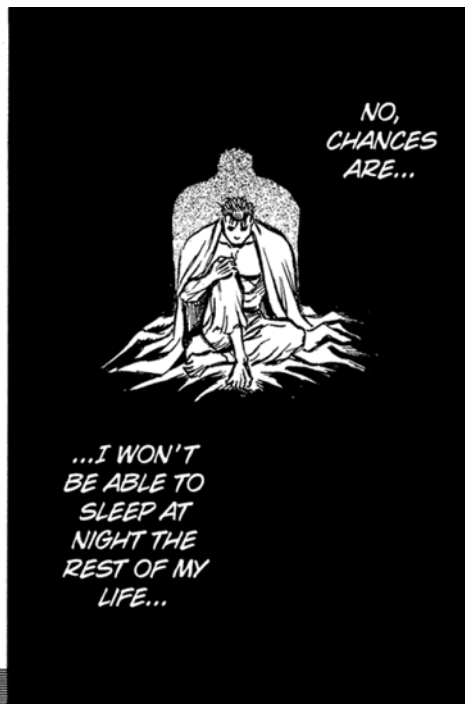
NO EVIL
SPIRIT'S
GONNA BE
ABLE TO
SNEAK IN
HERE EASILY!
YEAH!

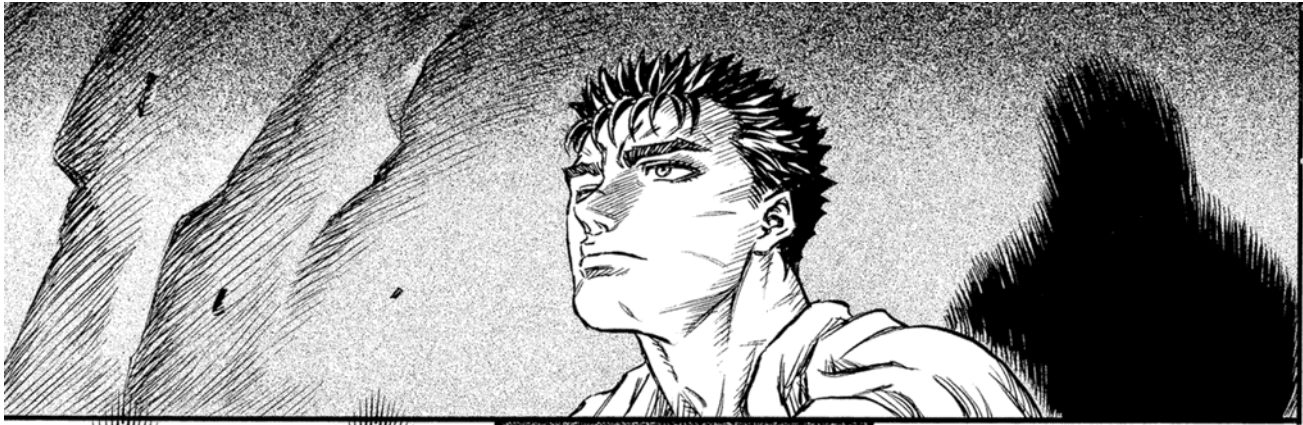
THIS IS
DEFINITELY
SOMEWHERE
ELVES
LIVED!



IT'S THE
SAME AS
IT WAS.

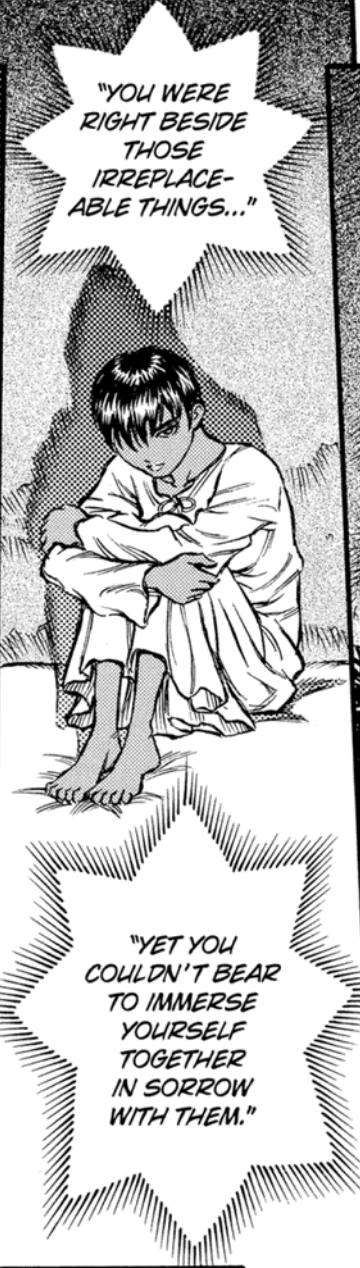






"...YOU RAN AWAY SO THAT YOUR OWN MALICE COULD BURN WITHIN YOU."

"SO INSTEAD ..."

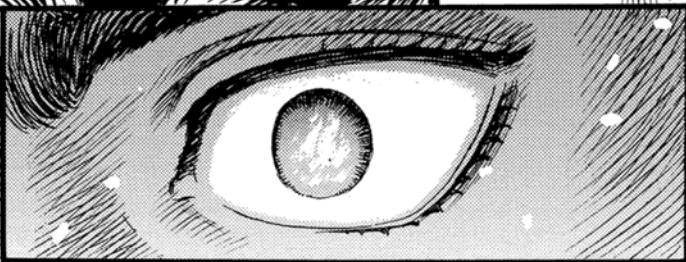


"YOU WERE RIGHT BESIDE THOSE IRREPLACE-ABLE THINGS..."

"YET YOU COULDN'T BEAR TO IMMERSE YOURSELF TOGETHER IN SORROW WITH THEM."

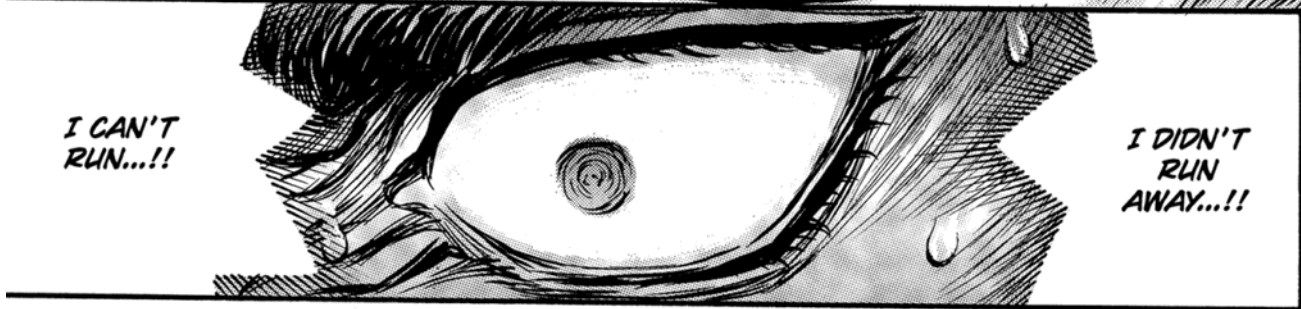


"YOU WENT ALONE."









I CAN'T
RUN...!!

I DIDN'T
RUN
AWAY...!!



...SEARED
INTO MY
RIGHT
EYE...!!

NOT FROM
THE LAST
THING...



BUT I CAN
NEVER ATONE
FOR THIS
DARK
FLAME!!!

...FEAR
...MALICE.
I DON'T
KNOW...
POSSIBLY
IT'S BOTH...



*HAHH HAH

...AND MY
ENEMIES
WITH IT.

...ALL I
CAN DO
IS BURN
MYSELF...

IF I
CAN'T
ATONE,
IF I
CAN'T
ESCAPE...



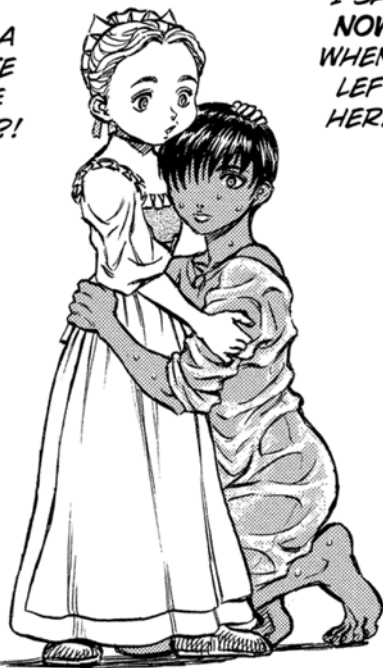
*HAH

*HAH

*HAH

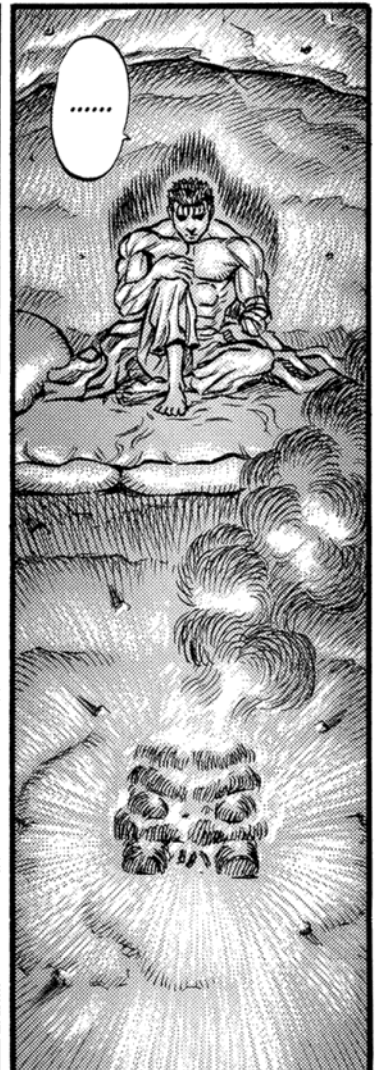


...IN A
STATE
LIKE
THAT?!



WHAT CAN
I SAY
NOW
WHEN I
LEFT
HER...

...MAYBE
WHAT GODO
SAID IS
RIGHT,
THOUGH.



ABANDONED
THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK
ITSELF.



I'VE GOT
NO RIGHT
TALKING
ABOUT
REVENGE
FOR MY
COMRADES
WHEN I
ABANDONED
CASCA...



Y'MEAN
FORMER
RAIDERS
CAPTAIN.

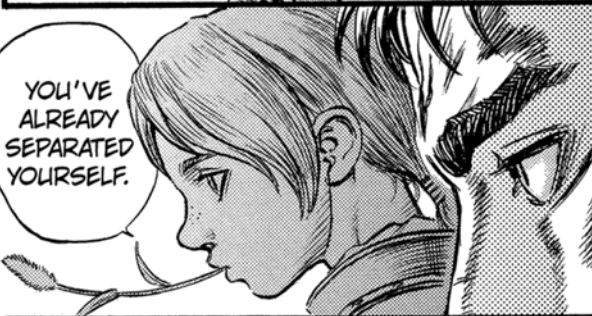


HE WASN'T
HERE WHEN
THINGS WERE
AT THEIR
WORST FOR
US. THINK I CAN
CALL SOMEONE
LIKE THAT A
COMRADE?

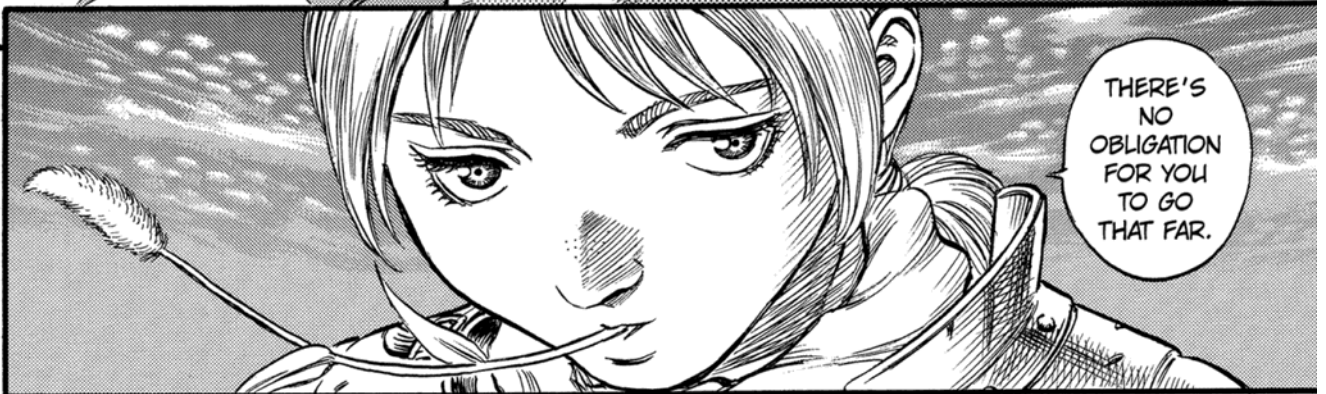
I DON'T
KNOW IF
IT WAS FOR SOME
DREAM
OR WHAT,
BUT HE
LEFT
ON HIS
OWN.



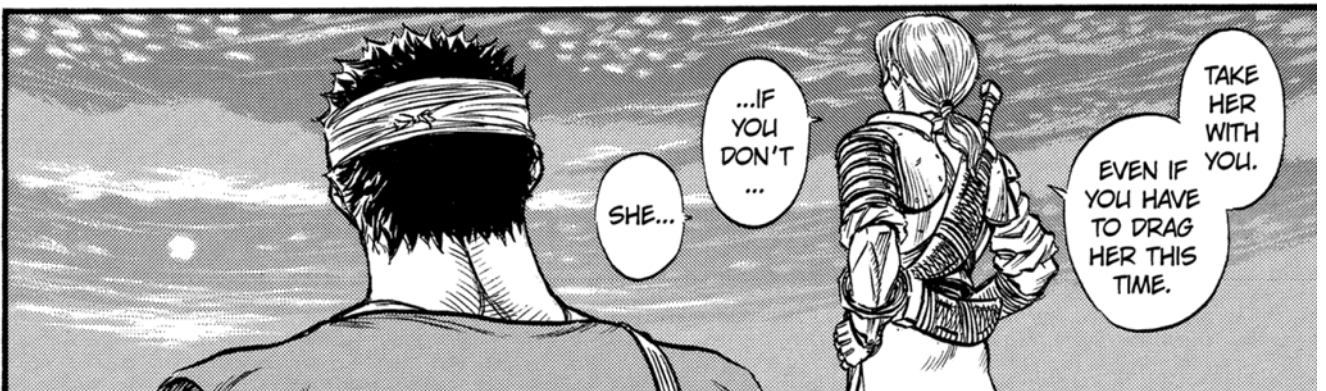
I
WON'T
RECOGNIZE
IT.



YOU'VE
ALREADY
SEPARATED
YOURSELF.



THERE'S
NO
OBLIGATION
FOR YOU
TO GO
THAT FAR.



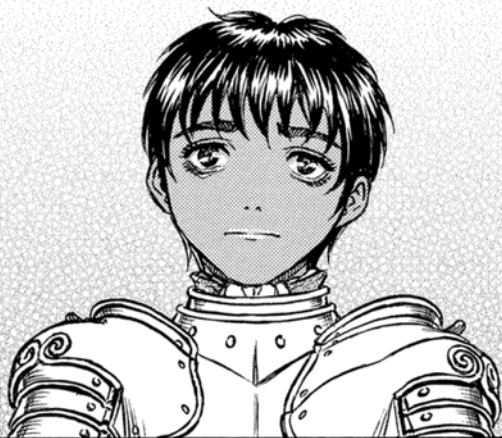
SHE...

...IF
YOU
DON'T
...

TAKE
HER
WITH
YOU.
EVEN IF
YOU HAVE
TO DRAG
HER THIS
TIME.

...YOUR
OWN
BATTLES,
RIGHT?

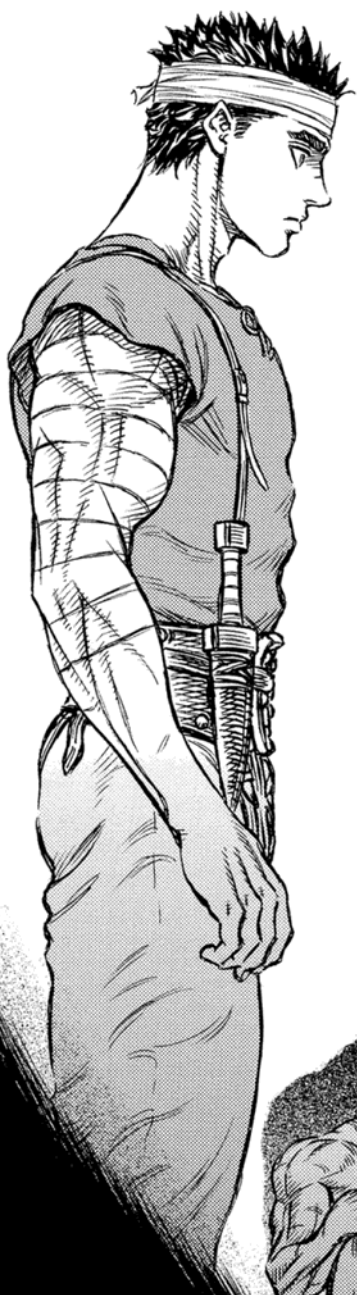
YOU
FIGHT...



YOU
HAVE
TO GO.

EVEN
IF IT'S
ALONE...

YOU
HAVE
TO GO.



...I
HAVEN'T
HAD THAT
RIGHT.

EVER
SINCE
THEN...

LONG
AGO...



...
THAT'S
RIGHT.



...THIS
WAR
MYSELF.

I
STARTED
...



BUT...

BUT AT
LEAST IT'S
NOT LIKE
ANYONE
FORCED ME
TO DO IT.

I DECLARED
THIS WAR
MYSELF.

IT'S
DEFINITELY
DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT
I HAD
WISHED
FOR THEN.



WHAT'S
BURNING ME
AIN'T JUST
THIS BLACK
FLAME.

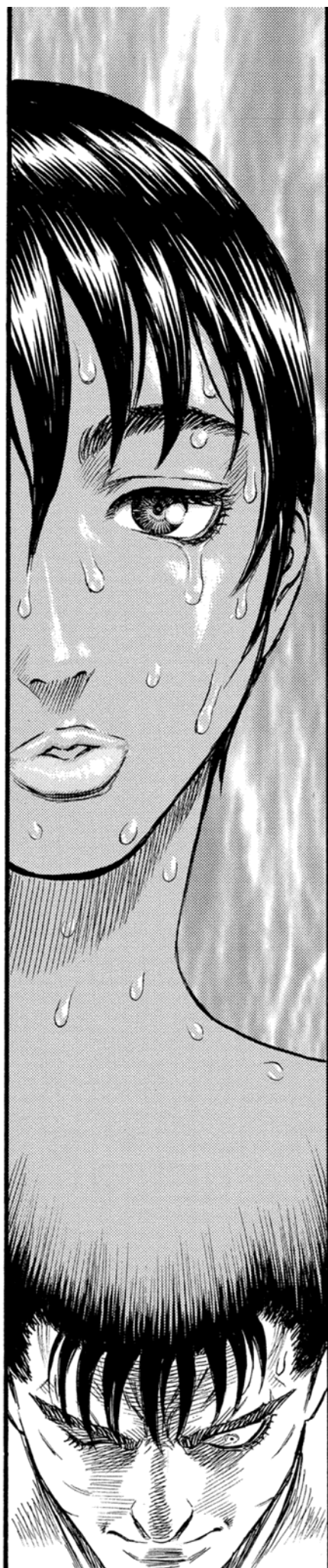


BUT
STILL...



THE
CAMPFIRE
FROM
THOSE
DAYS...

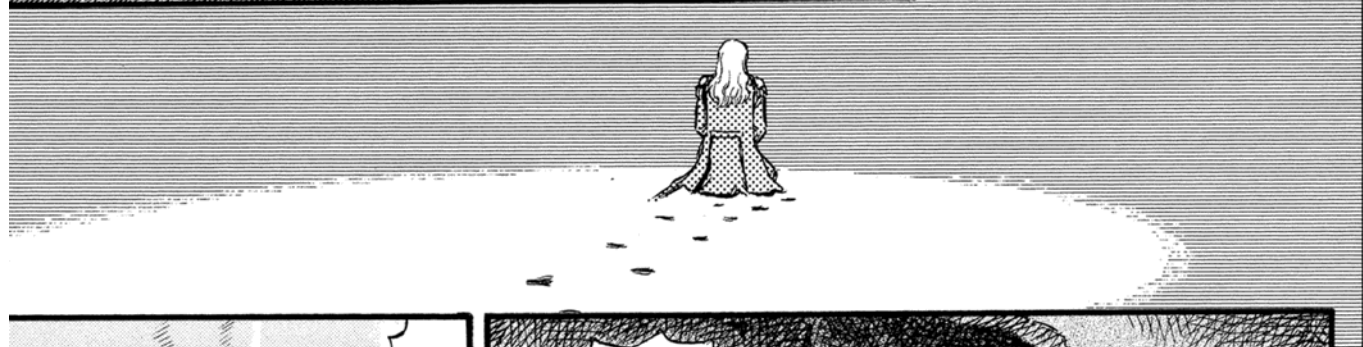
...STILL
BURNS
IN MY
CHEST.

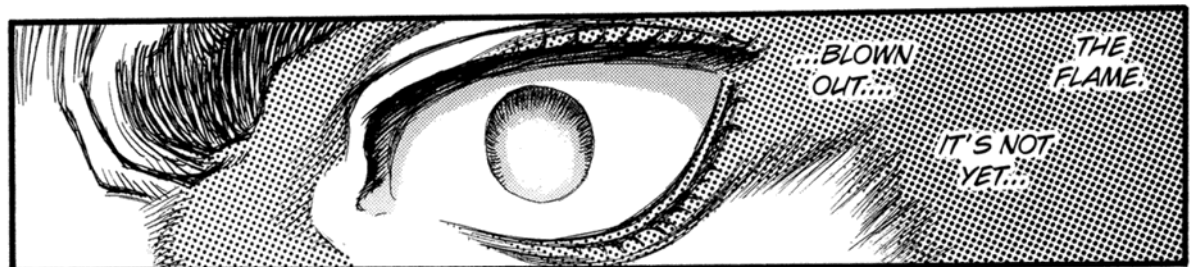
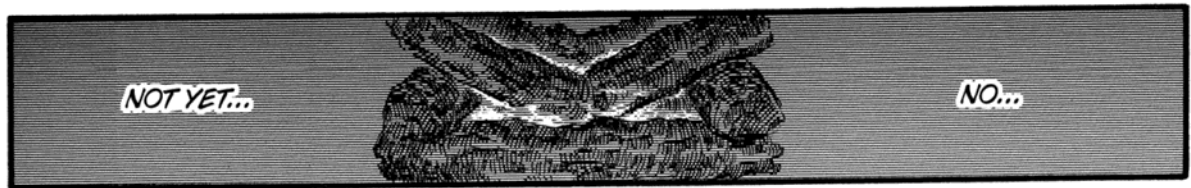
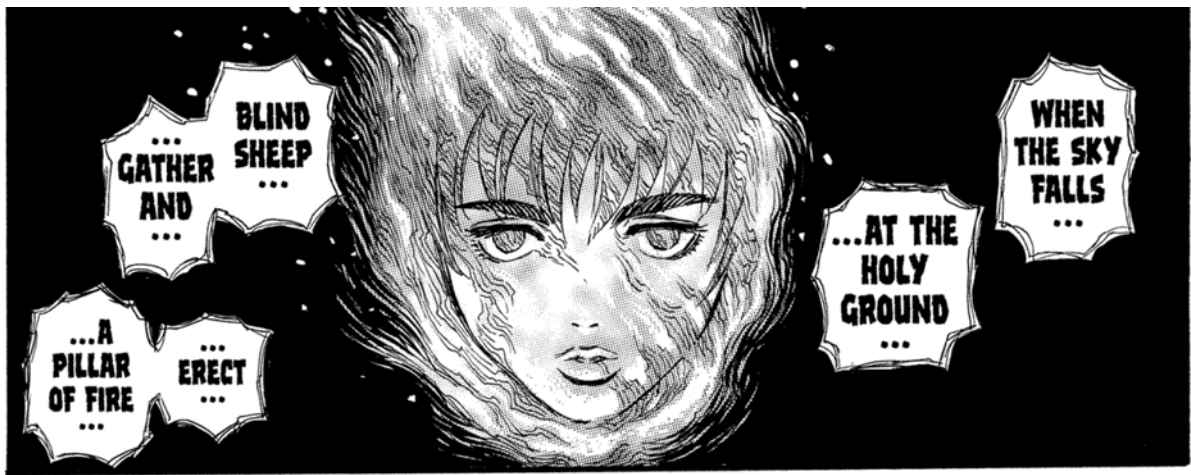


...ALL THAT
BARELY KEPT
ME FROM
BEING
CONSUMED BY
THE BLACK
FLAME...?!

...THAT'S
RIGHT.

WASN'T THIS
LAST FEEBLE
FLAME LEFT
TO ME...



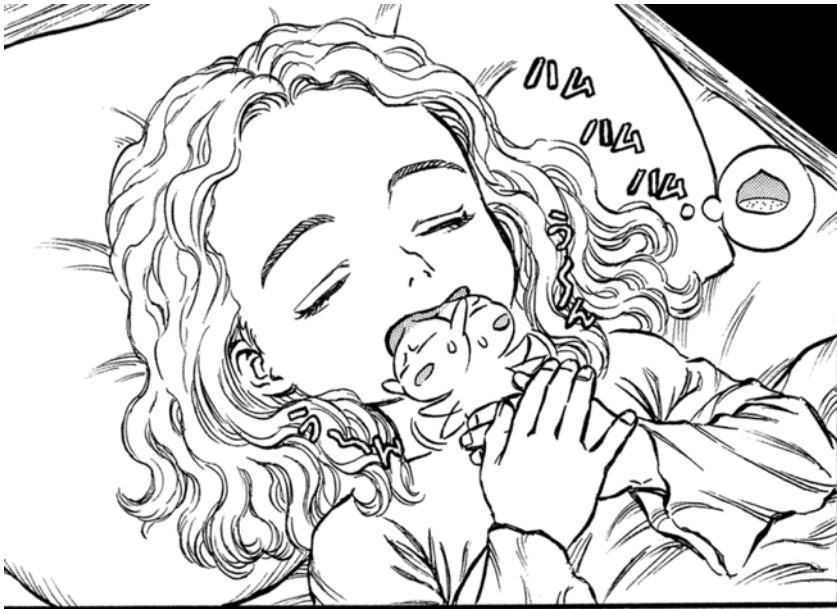


*I'LL
NEVER...*

*...LOSE
HER
AGAIN.*

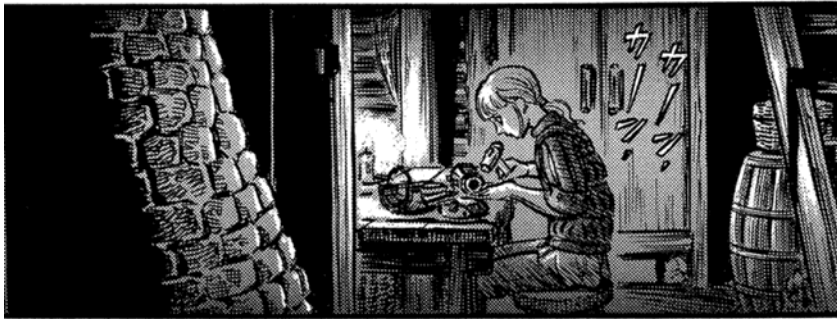


BERSERK

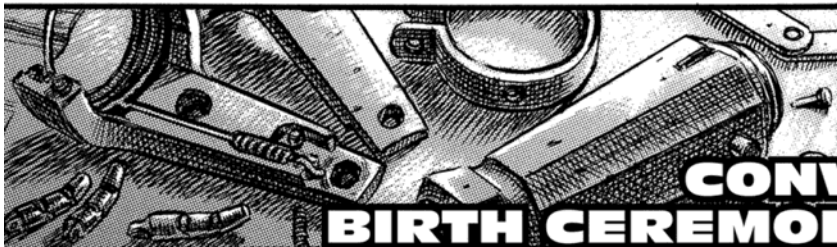


*FX: HNNNN

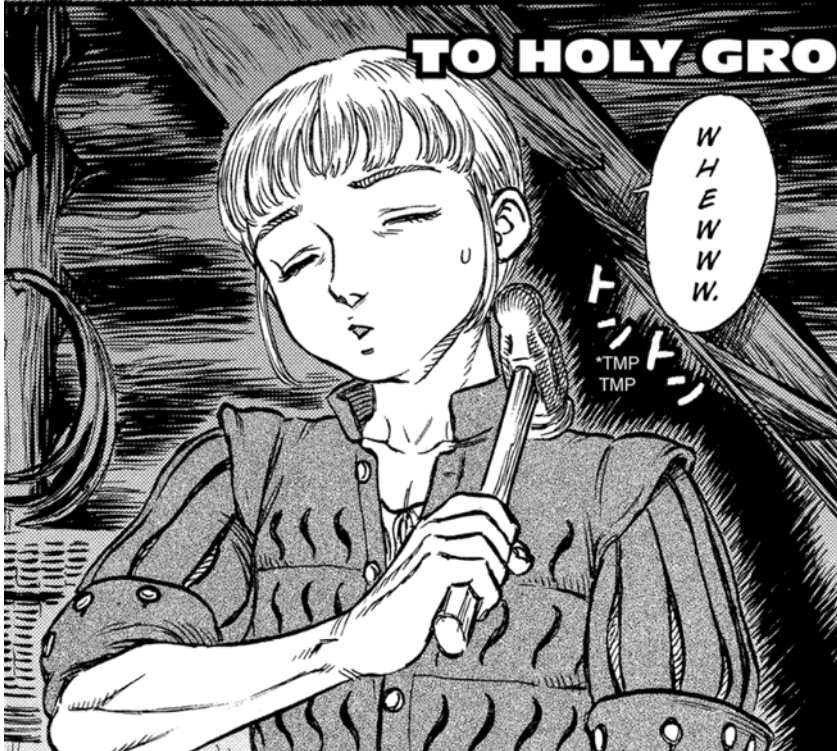
*FX: GNAW GNAW GNAW

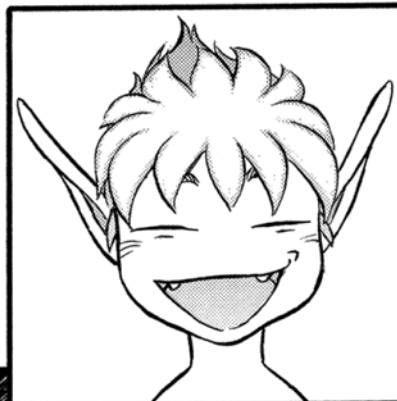
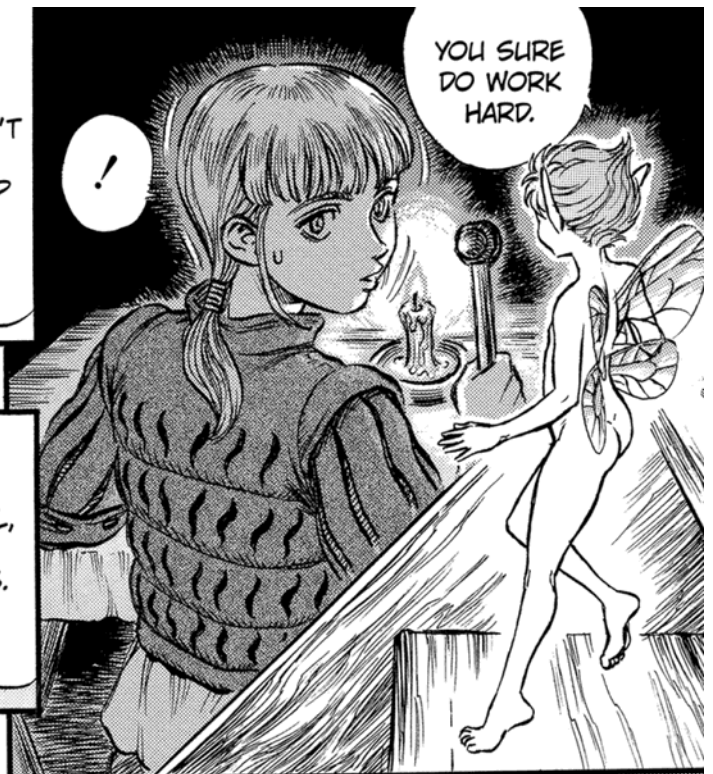
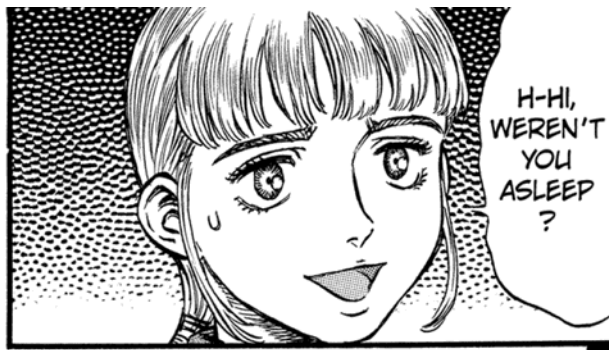


*FX: CLANNG CLANNG



CONVICTION ARC BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER TO HOLY GROUND, PART 1





*FX: SSMP

*FX: STALK



*FX: STALK STALK STALK





IT'S THANKS
TO YOU THAT
SHE HAD
SO MUCH
FUN TODAY.

SINCE
MASTER GODO
FELL ILL...
AND THEN
SINCE CASCA
WENT MISSING,
ERICA HASN'T
LAUGHED ONCE.



WHEN GLITS
RUSHED OUT
OF HERE,
I HAD THIS
OMINOUSLY
BAD FEELING.

OF COURSE,
I WAS
WORRIED ABOUT
WHETHER HE
WOULD SURVIVE
AND I'D GET
TO SEE HIM
AGAIN...



*FX: NYAHHAH

NOT AT
ALL.

N
A
H
H
H
H.

WELL,
KIDS ARE
'SPECIALLY
GOOD AT
ENJOYIN'
THEM-
SELVES.



THEN
THERE'S
GLITS.

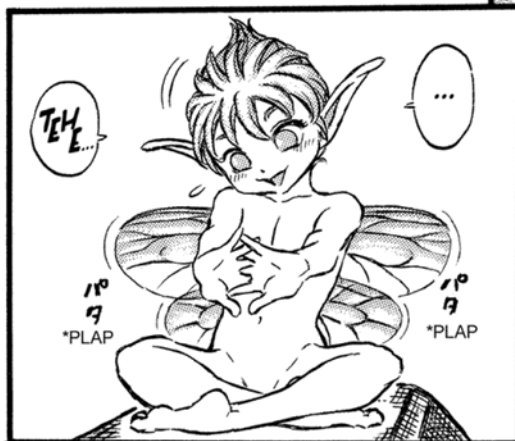
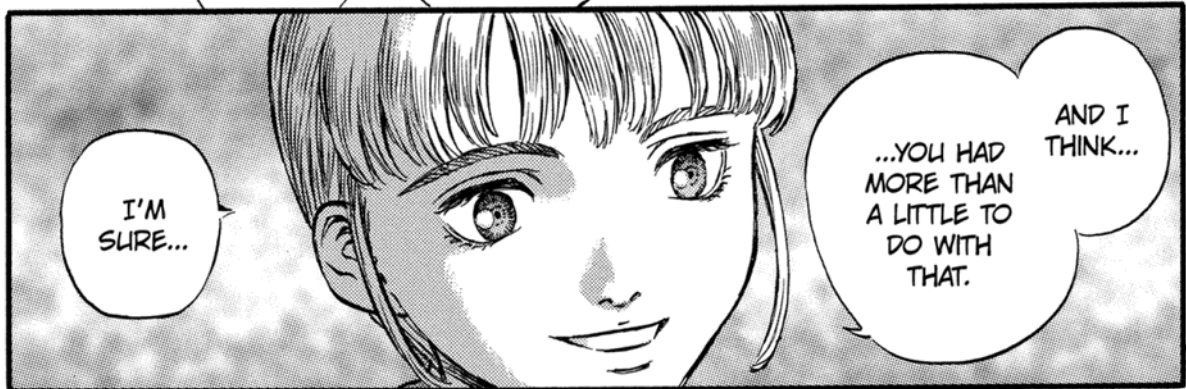
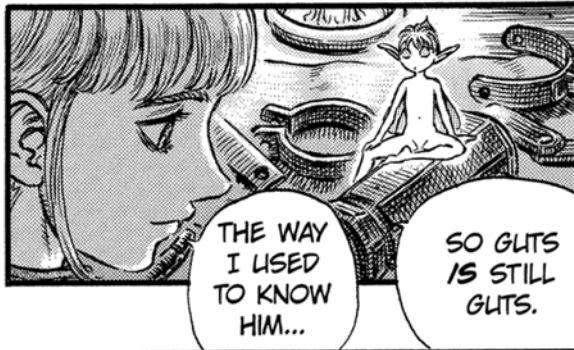
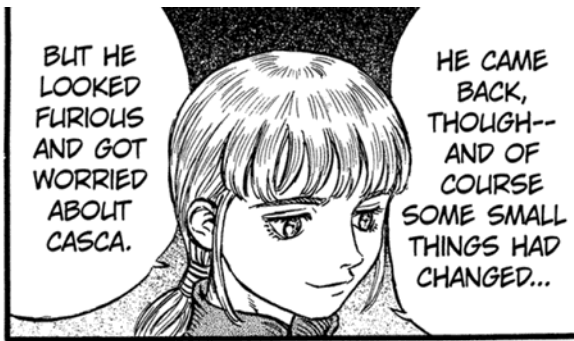
EH?

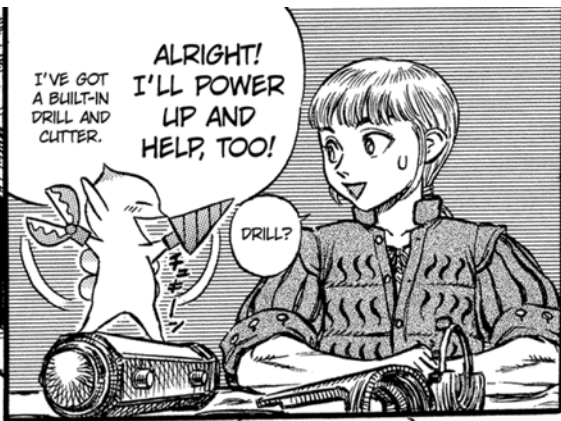


...WORRIED
ABOUT
WHETHER
HE'D NO
LONGER BE
THE GLITS
I KNEW...

BUT...

I
ALSO...





I'VE GOT
A BUILT-IN
DRILL AND
CUTTER.

ALRIGHT!
I'LL POWER
UP AND
HELP, TOO!

DRILL?

*FX: SHWEEEE

THE
BLACKSMITH'S
ELF, NOT THE
SHOEMAKER'S,
EH?

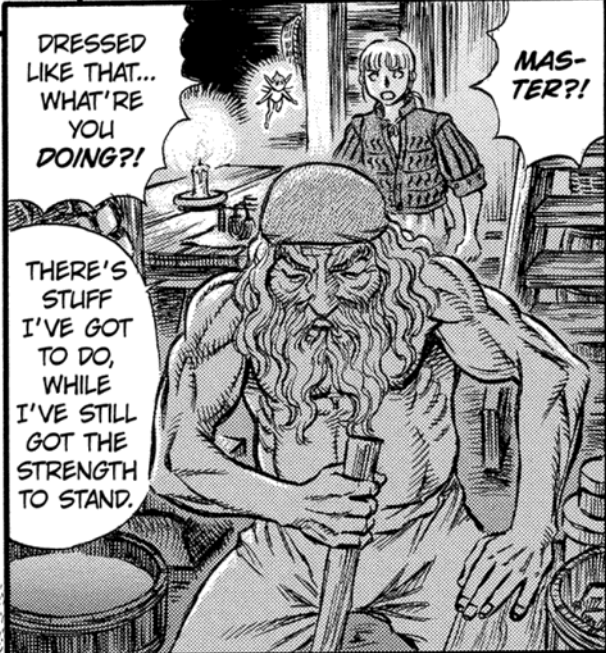


S-STOP,
THAT'S
ABSURD!!
LET ME
DO--

SHAD-
DUP!!



RIC-
KERT.



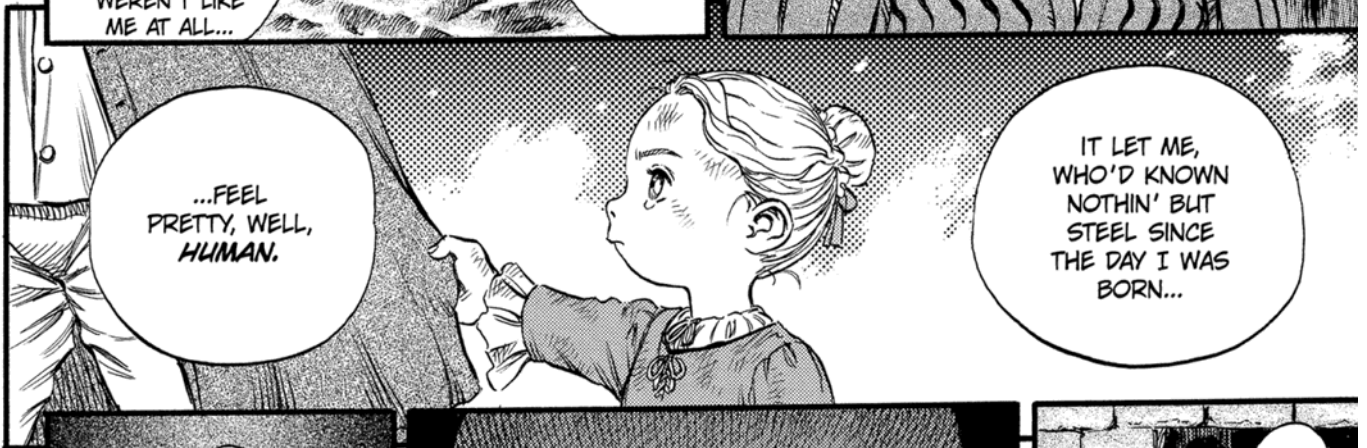
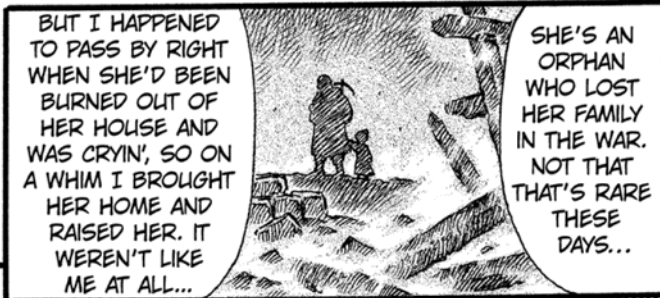
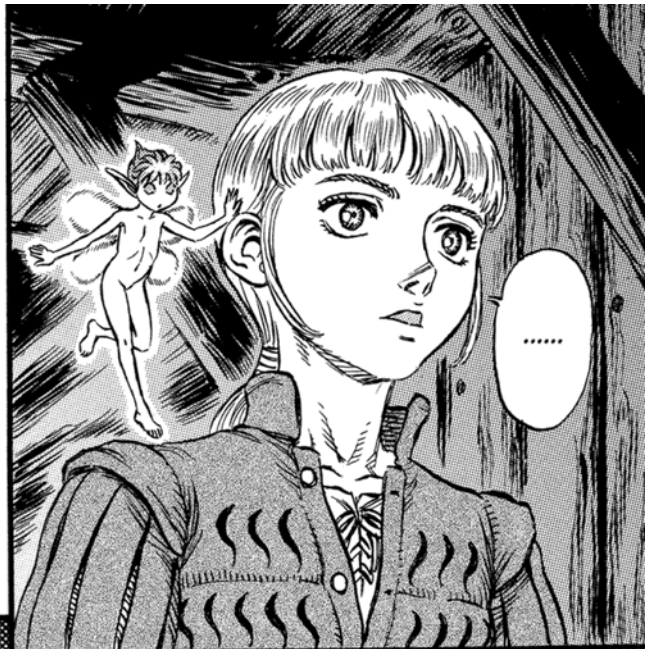
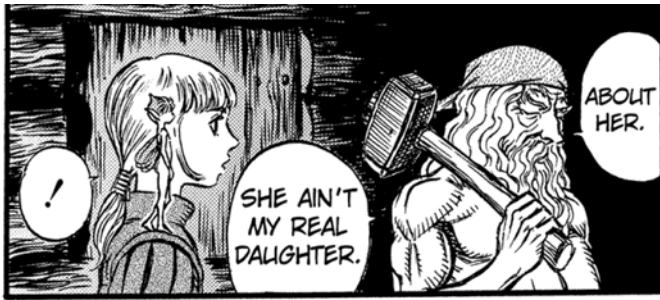
DRESSED
LIKE THAT...
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?!

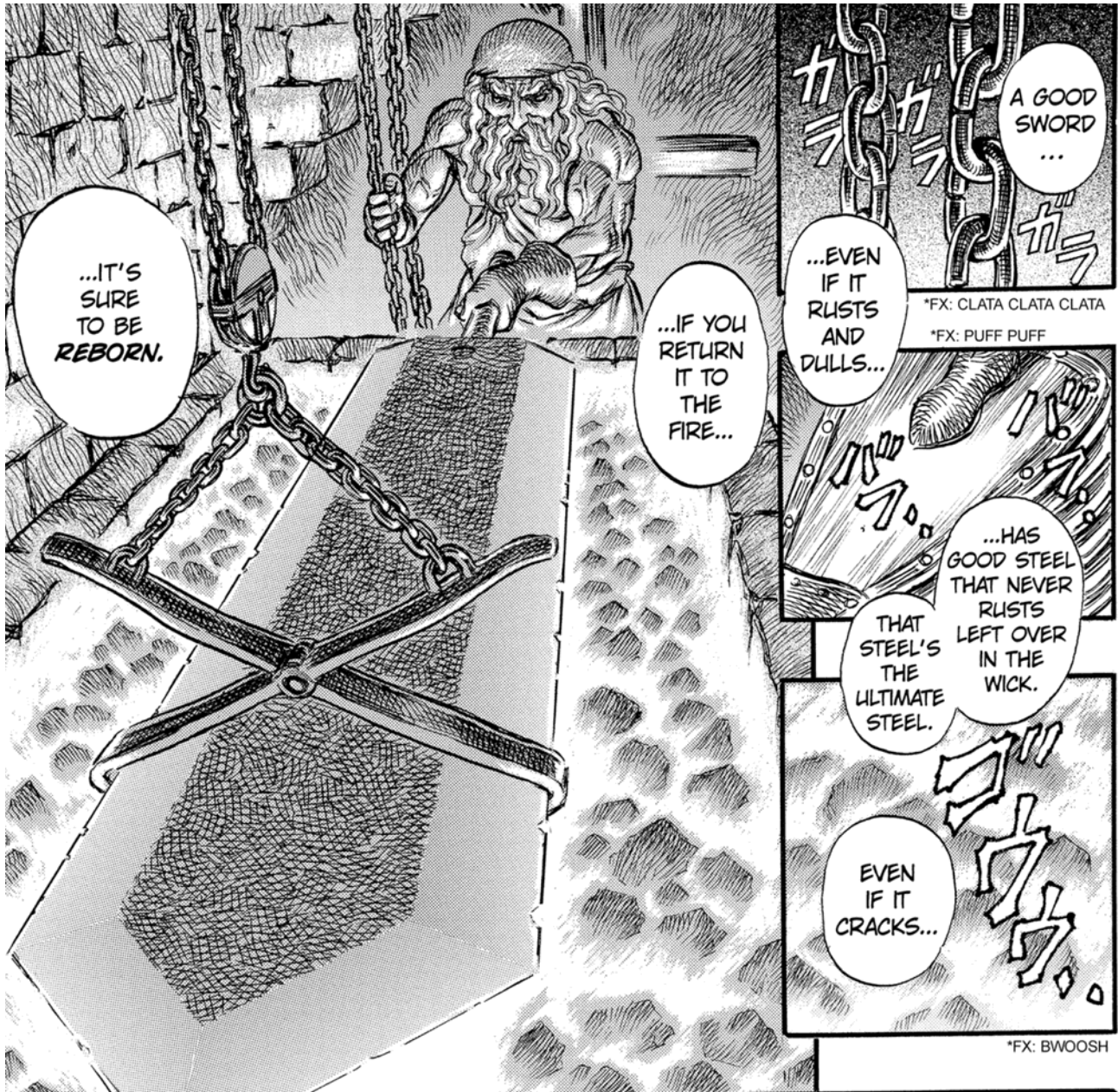
THERE'S
STUFF
I'VE GOT
TO DO,
WHILE
I'VE STILL
GOT THE
STRENGTH
TO STAND.

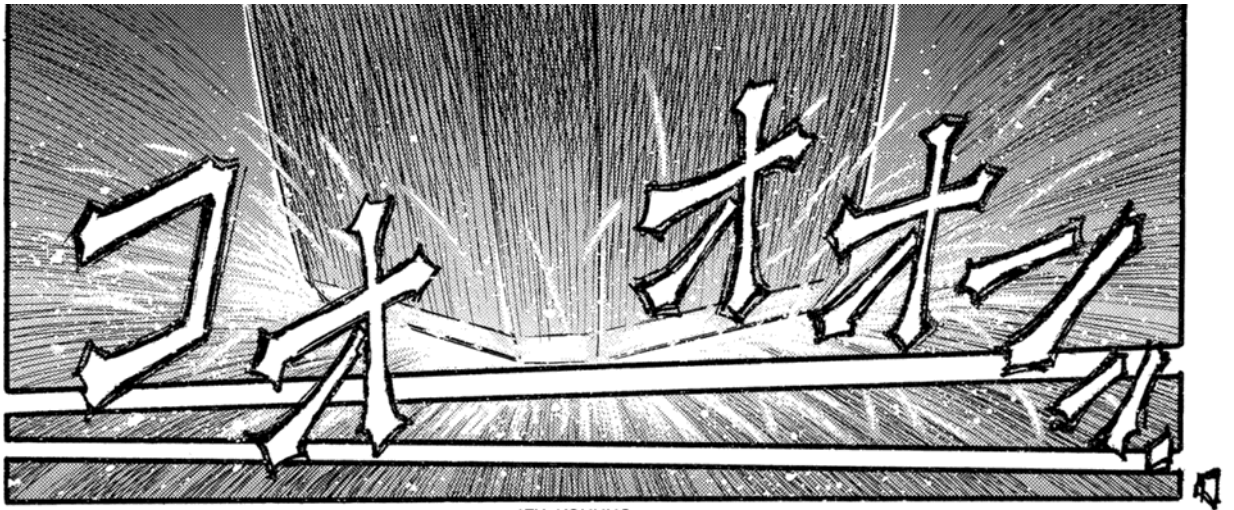
MAS-
TER?!



ERICA'S YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY.



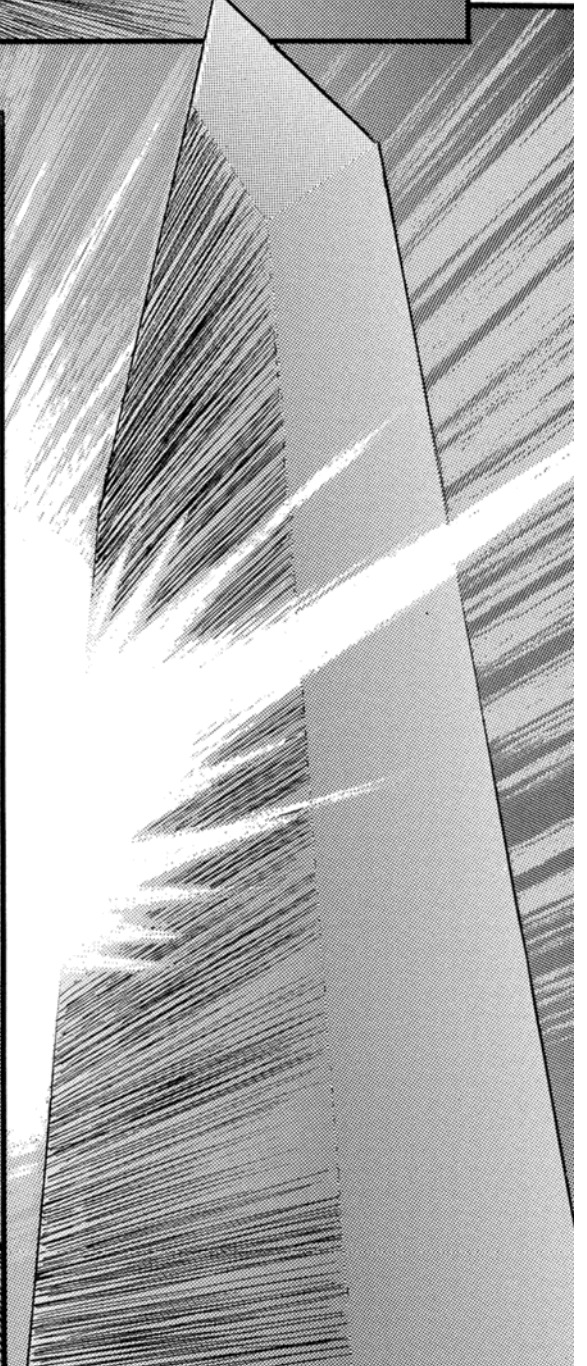
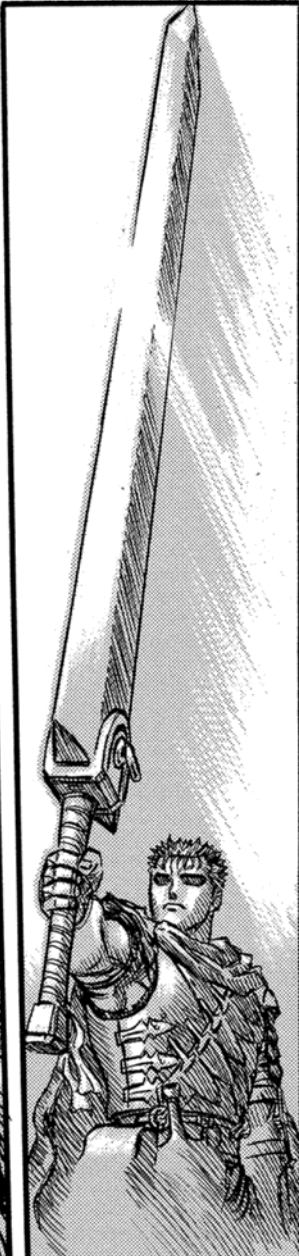


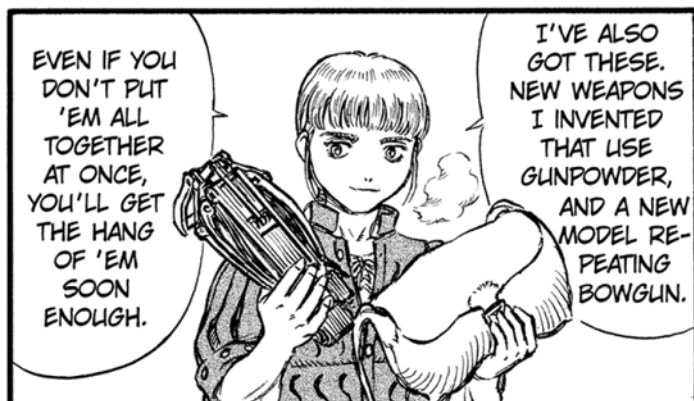
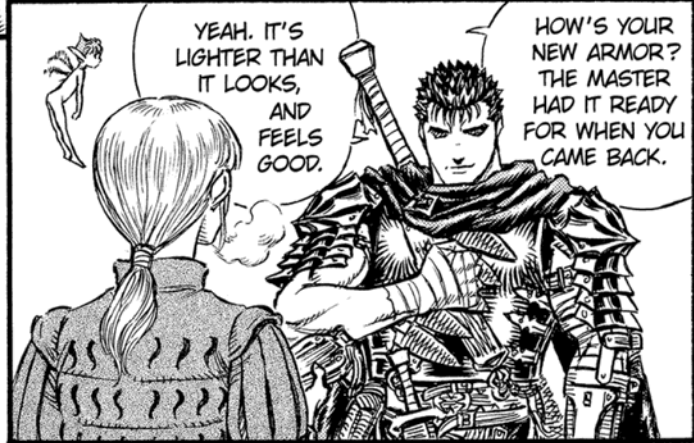
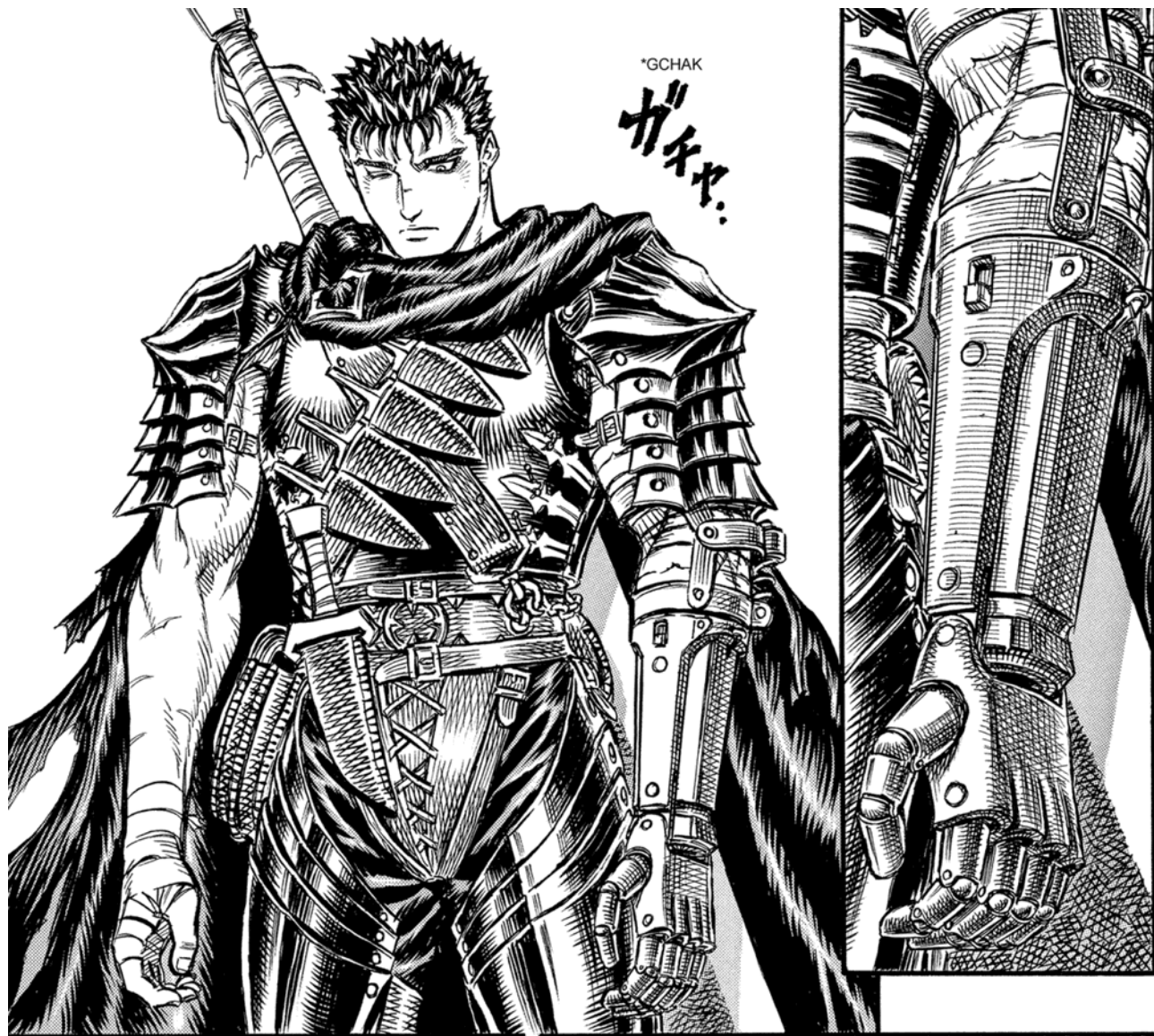


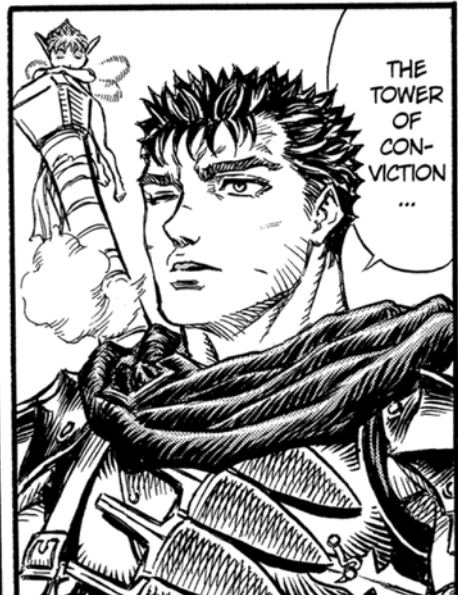
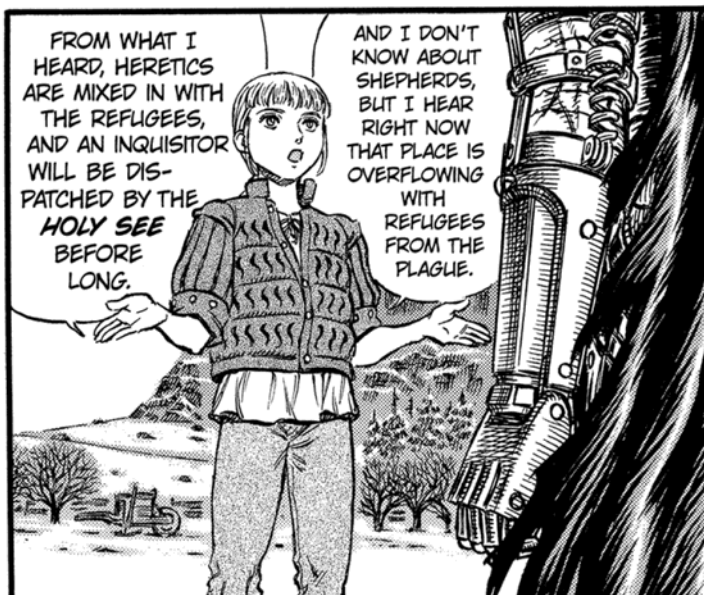
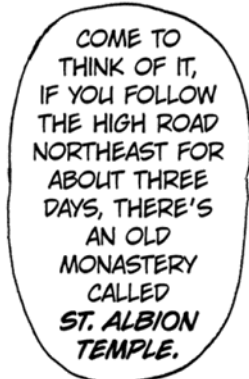
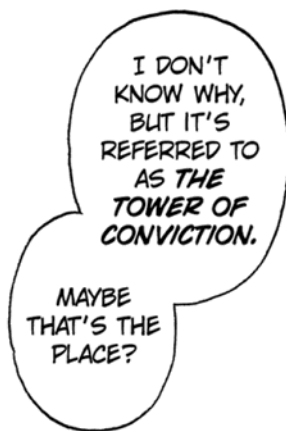
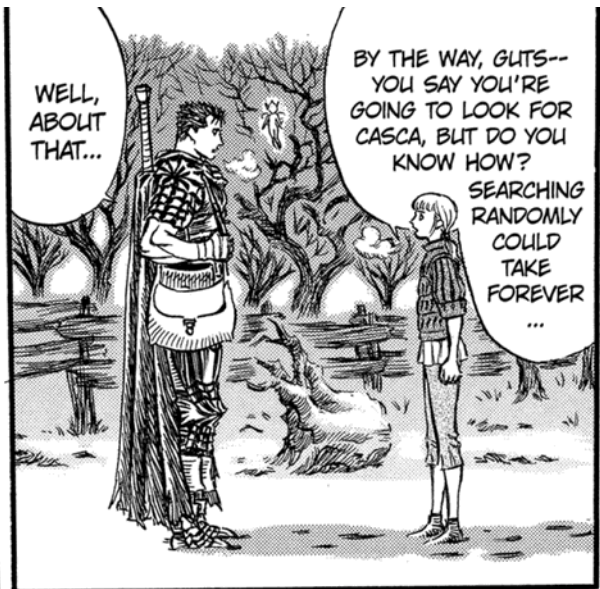
*FX: KONNG



*FX: FLAP









...IT'S
GOING
TO BE A
WITCH
TRIAL.

PUT
SHORT
...



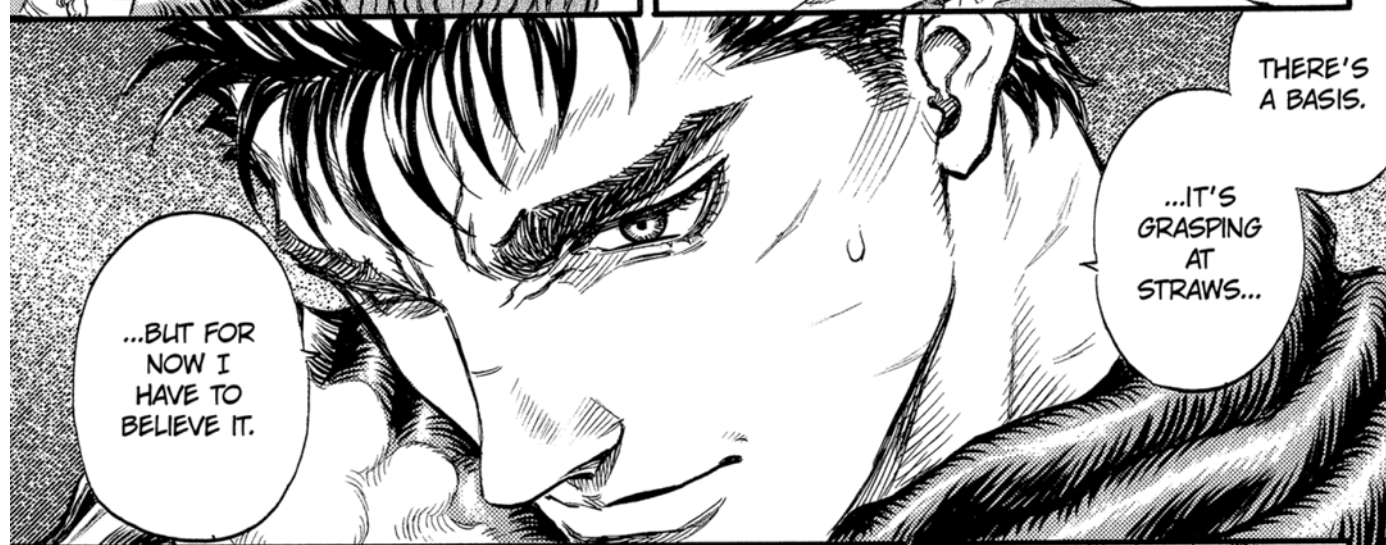
THERE
IS A
BASIS.

?

IN HER
STATE I
DON'T THINK
SHE CAN
MAKE IT THAT
FAR AWAY...
AND FIRST
OF ALL
THERE'S
NO BASIS...



I
THINK THE
CHANCES
OF CASCA
BEING
THERE
ARE SLIM.



...BUT FOR
NOW I
HAVE TO
BELIEVE IT.

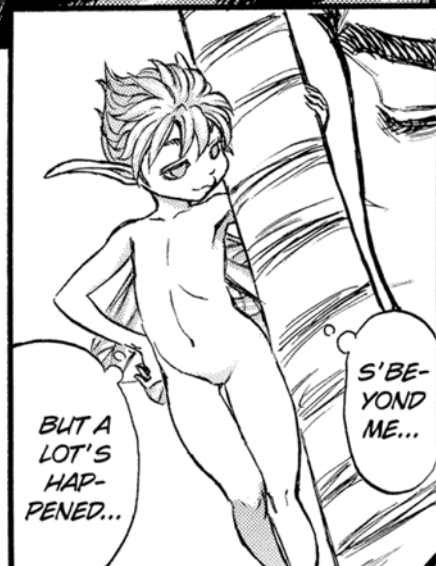
THERE'S
A BASIS.

...IT'S
GRASPING
AT
STRAWS...



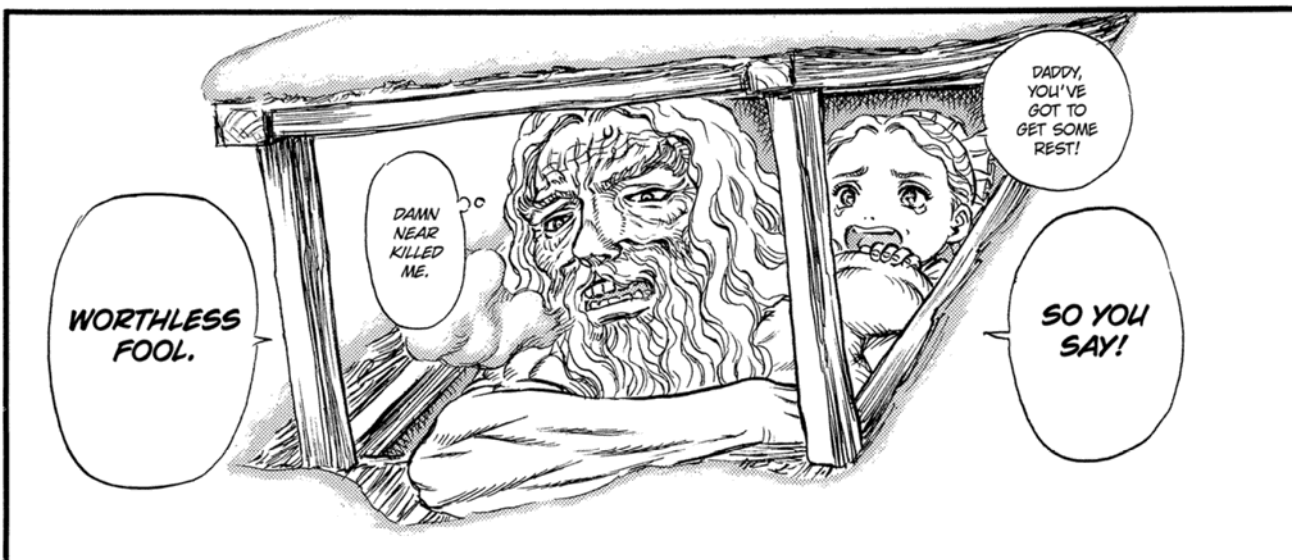
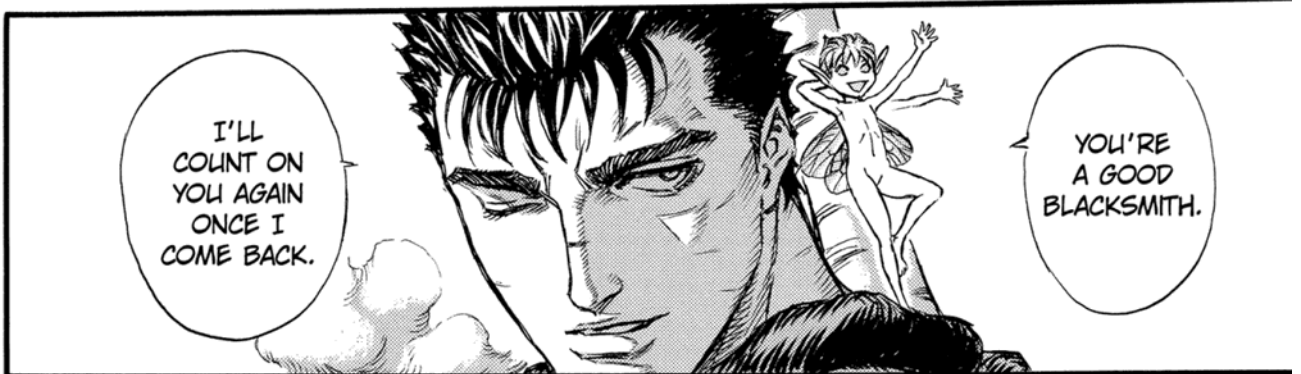
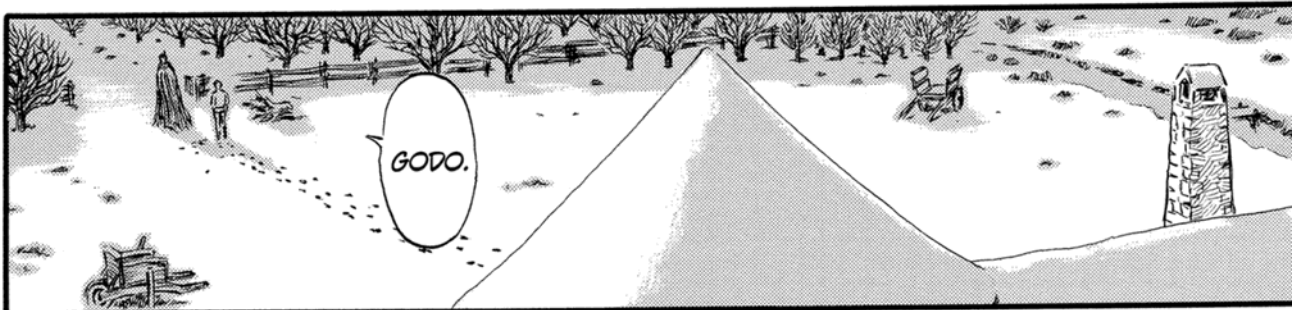
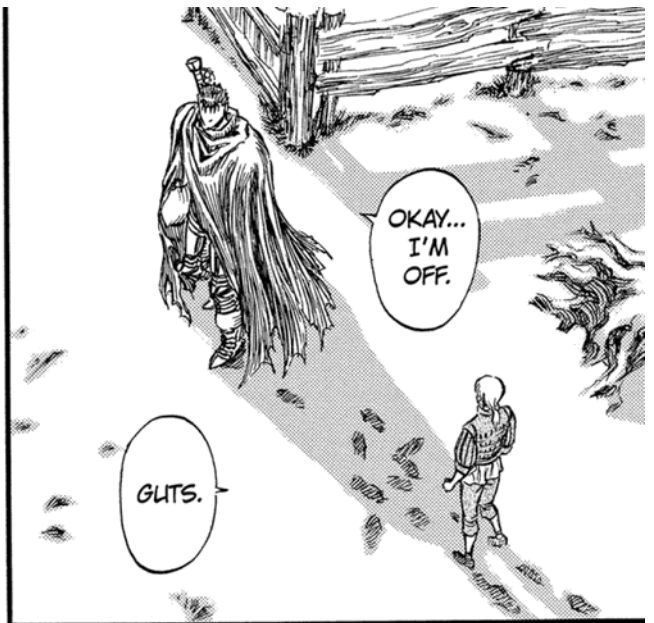
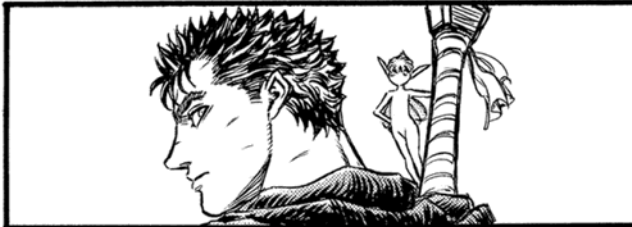
WHAT KINDA
WOMAN'S
THIS CASCA?

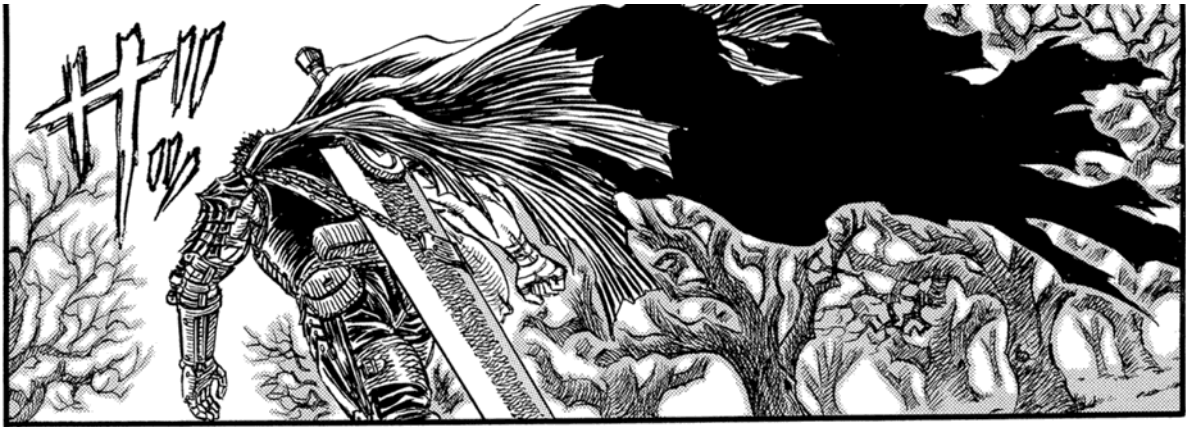
FOR HIM
TO MAKE
THIS
FACE...



BUT A
LOT'S
HAP-
PENED...

S'BE-
YOND
ME...





*FX: WSHH



WELL,
IT'S A LOT
BETTER
THAN
GETTIN' ALL
GLOOMY.



BUT YOU
HAVEN'T EVEN
GOT TIME TO
STOP AND
ACKNOWLEDGE
IT.

THIS
MIGHT
BE OUR
FINAL
PARTING.



IT REALLY
IS BEYOND
OUR
CONTROL...

HE TURNS AND STARTS
RUNNING TOWARDS
SOMETHING ONE WAY,
WITHOUT NOTICING
SOME OTHER THING,
AND NICKS HIMSELF.

LIVING AND
DYING.

BEYOND
OUR
CONTROL.







IT SEEMS
IT'S NOT JUST
PLAGUE AND
FAMINE THAT
PRODUCED
THIS HUGE
NUMBER OF
REFUGEES.

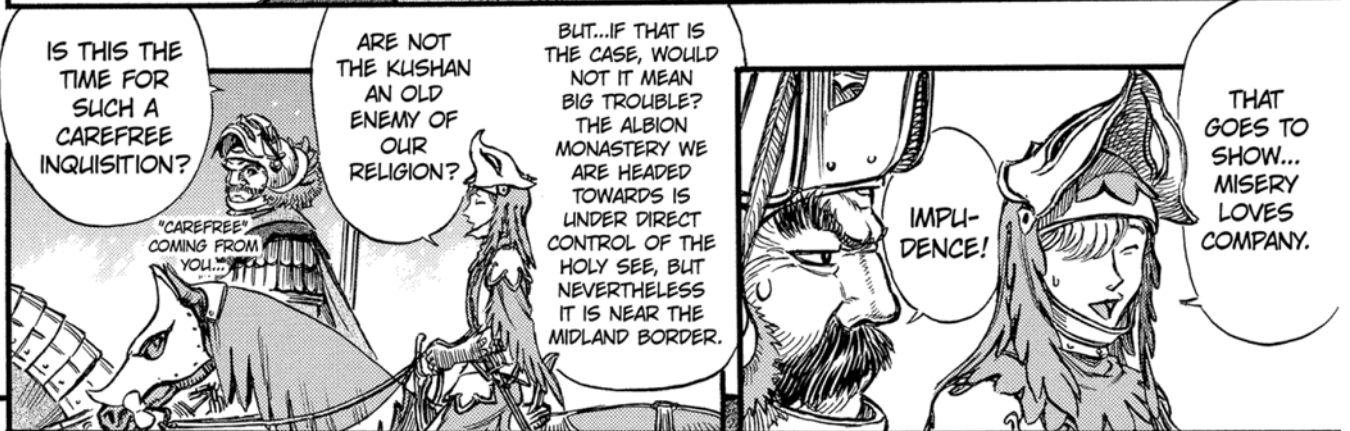


THIS FEELS
LIKE THE
MIGRATION
OF NATIONS.



AT PRESENT, IT'S
UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE
PROMINENT NOBLES IN
THE ROYAL CITY, WINDHAM,
OR EVEN THE NEXT
QUEEN, PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE, SEEMINGLY
DEBILITATED BY GRIEF
OVER THE KING'S DEATH,
ARE ALIVE OR DEAD.

ACCORDING TO
INFORMATION DELIVERED
BY THE **HOLY SEE** A BIT
AGO, SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR
A LARGE **KUSHAN**
MILITARY HOST FROM THE
FAR EAST CROSSED THE
MOUNTAIN RANGE AND
INVADDED MIDLAND.



IS THIS THE
TIME FOR
SUCH A
CAREFREE
INQUISITION?

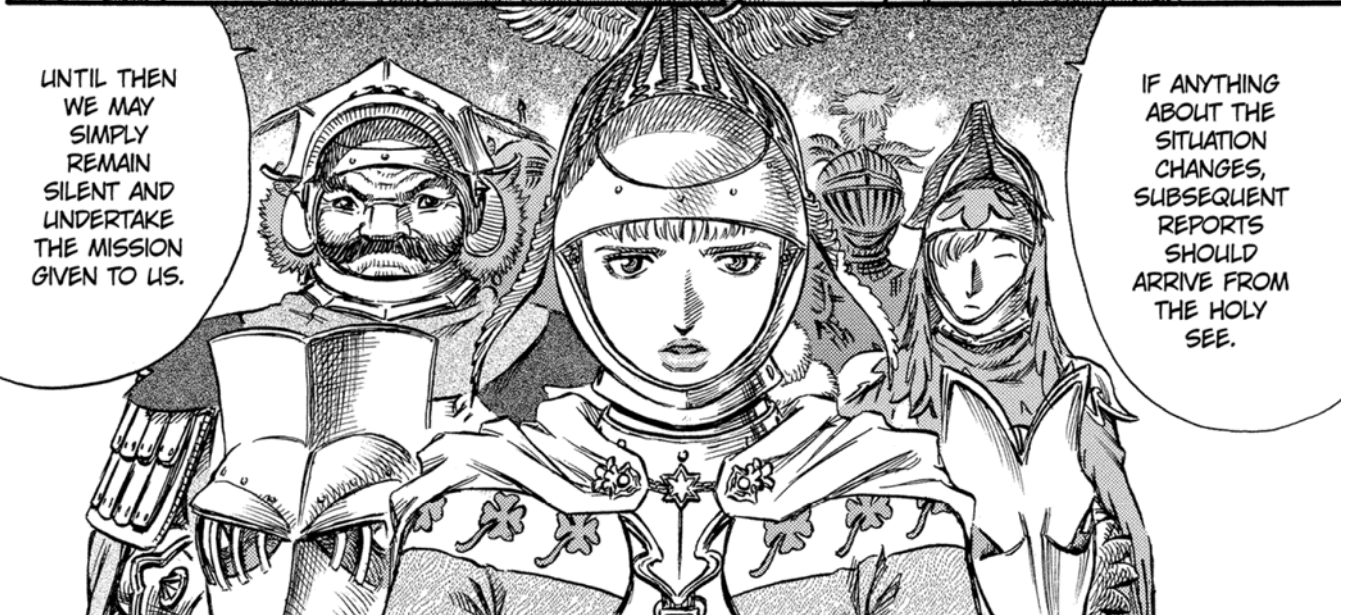
"CAREFREE"
COMING FROM
YOU...?"

ARE NOT
THE KUSHAN
AN OLD
ENEMY OF
OUR RELIGION?

BUT...IF THAT IS
THE CASE, WOULD
NOT IT MEAN
BIG TROUBLE?
THE ALBION
MONASTERY WE
ARE HEADED
TOWARDS IS
UNDER DIRECT
CONTROL OF THE
HOLY SEE, BUT
NEVERTHELESS
IT IS NEAR THE
MIDLAND BORDER.

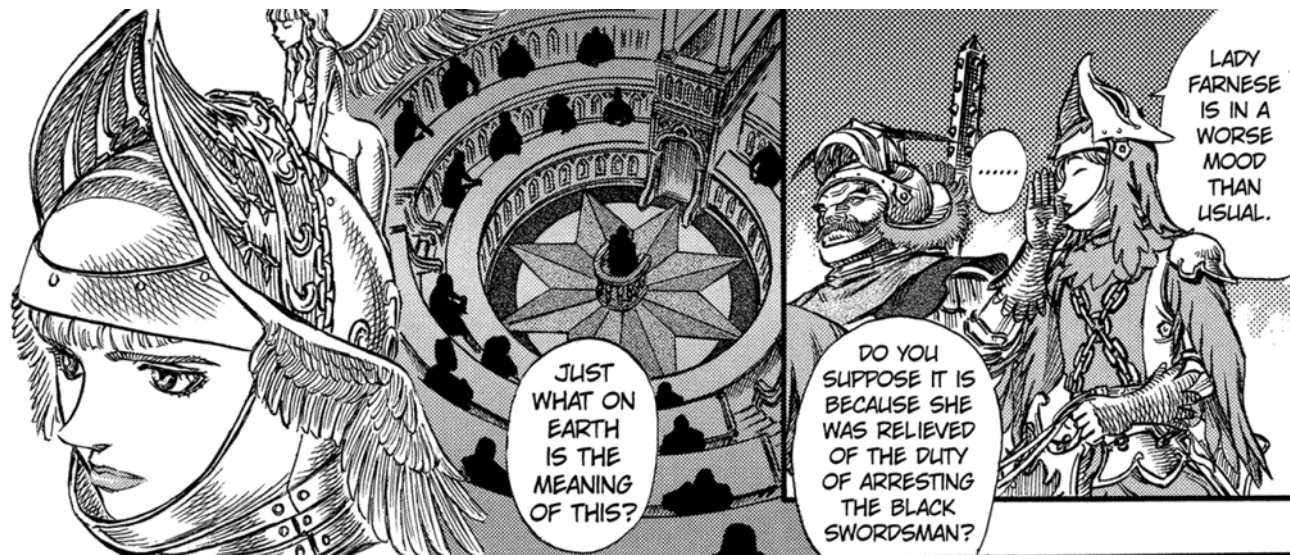
IMPLI-
DENCE!

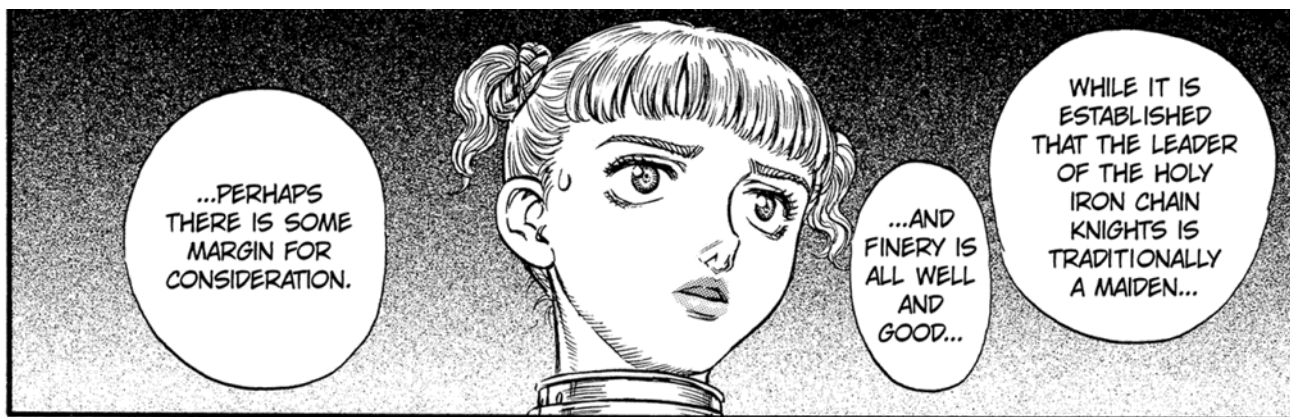
THAT
GOES TO
SHOW...
MISERY
LOVES
COMPANY.



UNTIL THEN
WE MAY
SIMPLY
REMAIN
SILENT AND
UNDERTAKE
THE MISSION
GIVEN TO US.

IF ANYTHING
ABOUT THE
SITUATION
CHANGES,
SUBSEQUENT
REPORTS
SHOULD
ARRIVE FROM
THE HOLY
SEE.

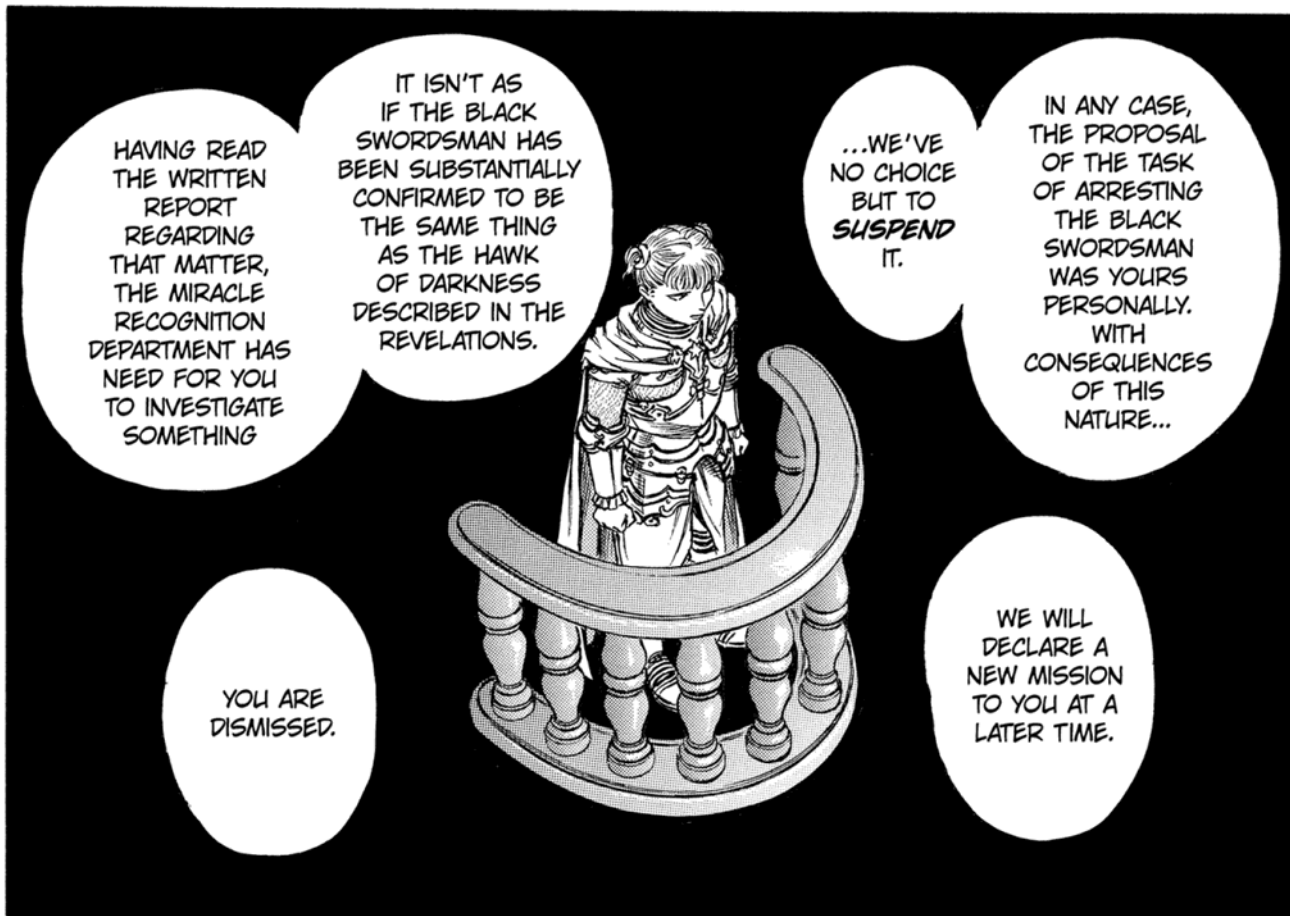




...PERHAPS
THERE IS SOME
MARGIN FOR
CONSIDERATION.

...AND
FINERY IS
ALL WELL
AND
GOOD...

WHILE IT IS
ESTABLISHED
THAT THE LEADER
OF THE HOLY
IRON CHAIN
KNIGHTS IS
TRADITIONALLY
A MAIDEN...



HAVING READ
THE WRITTEN
REPORT
REGARDING
THAT MATTER,
THE MIRACLE
RECOGNITION
DEPARTMENT HAS
NEED FOR YOU
TO INVESTIGATE
SOMETHING

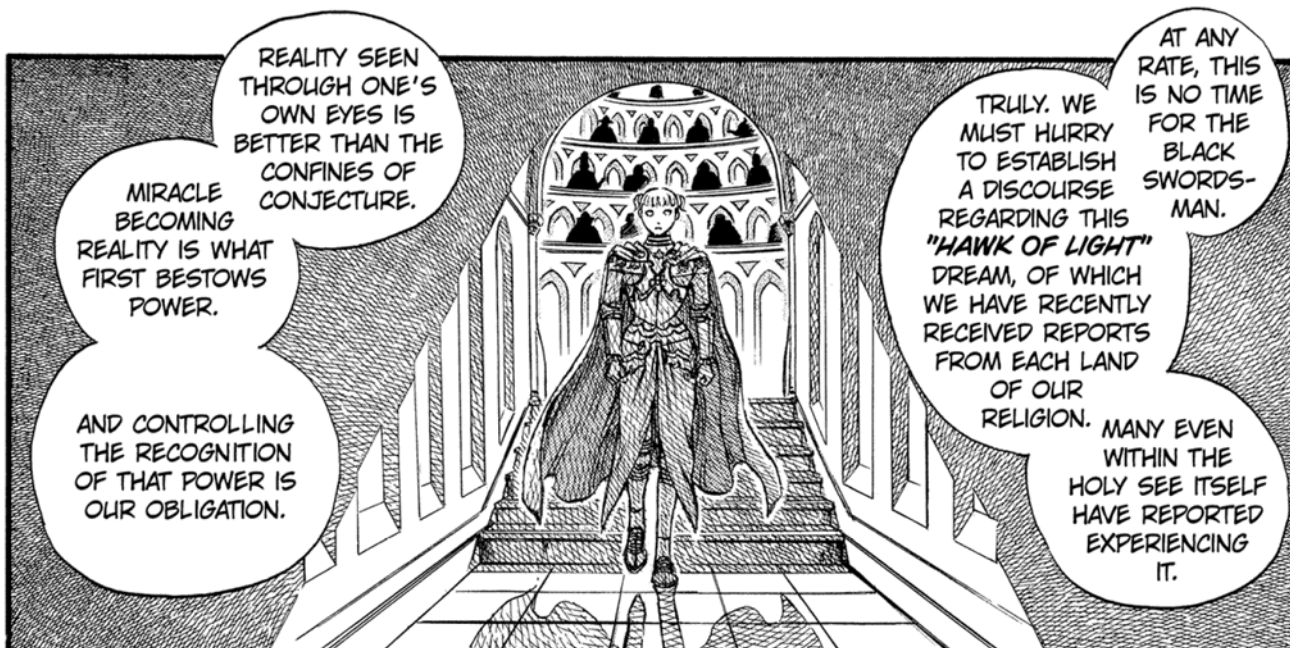
IT ISN'T AS
IF THE BLACK
SWORDSMAN HAS
BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY
CONFIRMED TO BE
THE SAME THING
AS THE HAWK
OF DARKNESS
DESCRIBED IN THE
REVELATIONS.

...WE'VE
NO CHOICE
BUT TO
SUSPEND
IT.

IN ANY CASE,
THE PROPOSAL
OF THE TASK
OF ARRESTING
THE BLACK
SWORDSMAN
WAS YOURS
PERSONALLY.
WITH
CONSEQUENCES
OF THIS
NATURE...

YOU ARE
DISMISSED.

WE WILL
DECLARE A
NEW MISSION
TO YOU AT A
LATER TIME.



MIRACLE
BECOMING
REALITY IS WHAT
FIRST BESTOWS
POWER.

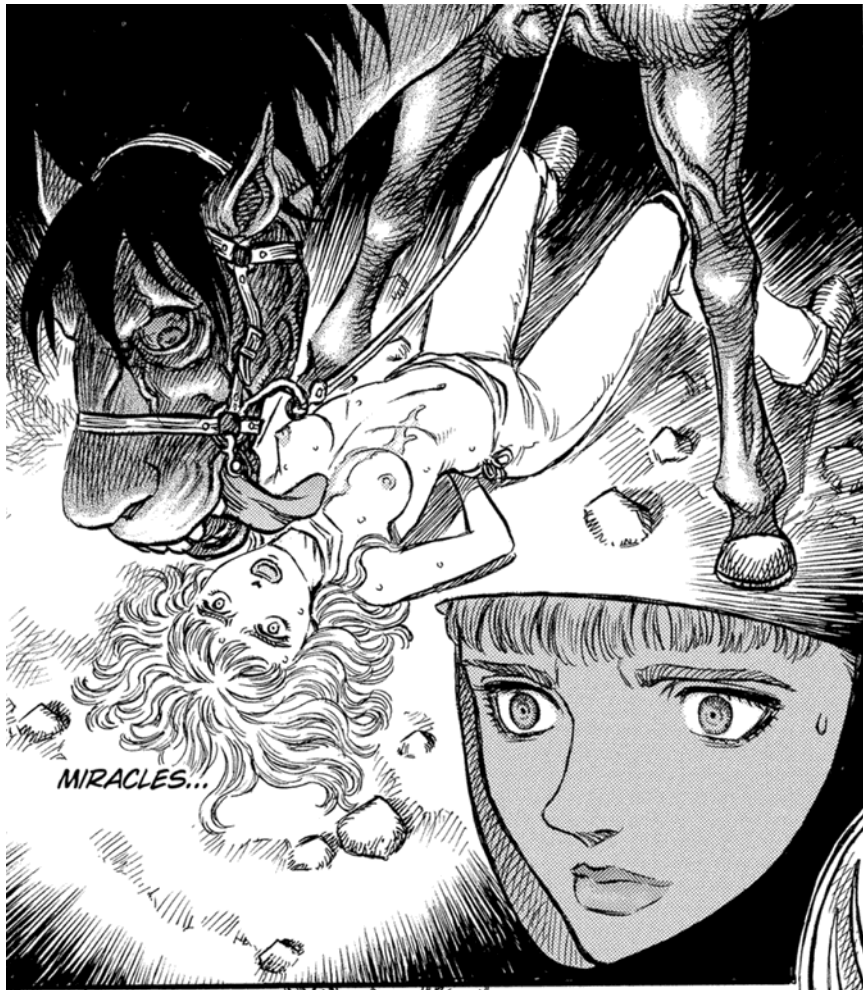
AND CONTROLLING
THE RECOGNITION
OF THAT POWER IS
OUR OBLIGATION.

REALITY SEEN
THROUGH ONE'S
OWN EYES IS
BETTER THAN THE
CONFINES OF
CONJECTURE.

TRULY. WE
MUST HURRY
TO ESTABLISH
A DISCOURSE
REGARDING THIS
"HAWK OF LIGHT"
DREAM, OF WHICH
WE HAVE RECENTLY
RECEIVED REPORTS
FROM EACH LAND
OF OUR
RELIGION.

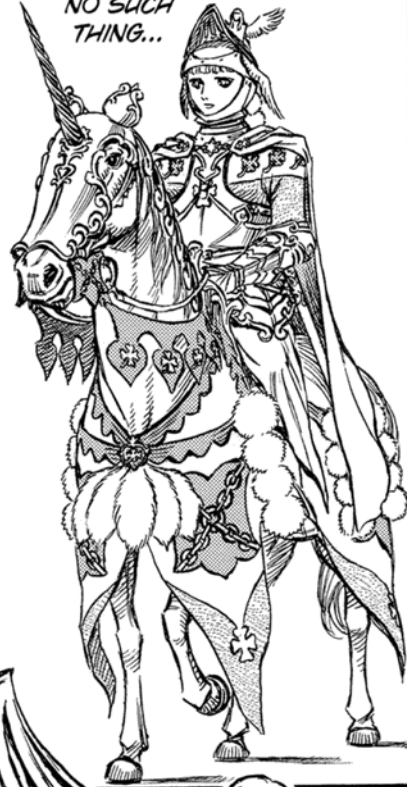
MANY EVEN
WITHIN THE
HOLY SEE ITSELF
HAVE REPORTED
EXPERIENCING
IT.

AT ANY
RATE, THIS
IS NO TIME
FOR THE
BLACK
SWORDSMAN.



MIRACLES...

MIRACLES,
THE HAWK
OF LIGHT...
I'VE SEEN
NO SUCH
THING...



*GRHRHRN

*FLINCH



THERE'S
NO WAY
THAT WAS
REALITY...!!



IT'S N-
NOTHING!

IS SOME-
THING
WRONG?



RIGHT NOW
JUST FOCUS
ON THE
DUTY OF
GUARDING
THE
INQUISITOR!

DON'T
THINK OF IT!
IT'S AN
ILLUSION,
IT DIDN'T
EXIST!

...COULDN'T
HAVE...

I...



JUST SO
LONG AS I
CARRY OUT
MY FAITH!
THAT
PROMISES
PEACE
IN MY
HEART...

EVEN
IF GOD
DOES NOT
EXPRESS
ANY
MIRACLES
THROUGH
ME...



...FROM
GOD!

YOU'RE
TOO
FAR...



I...

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE...



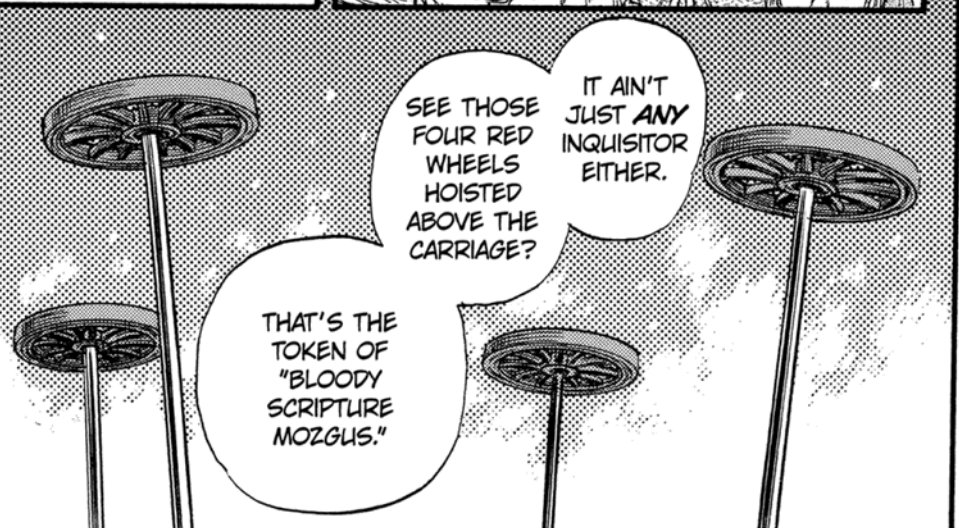
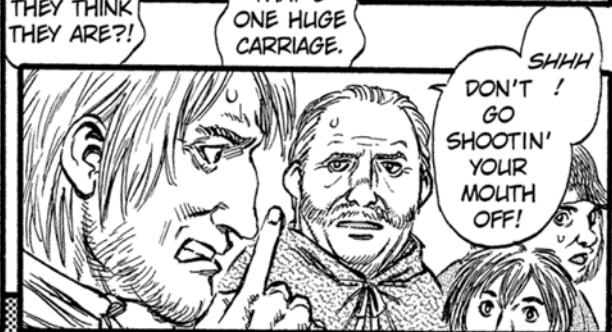
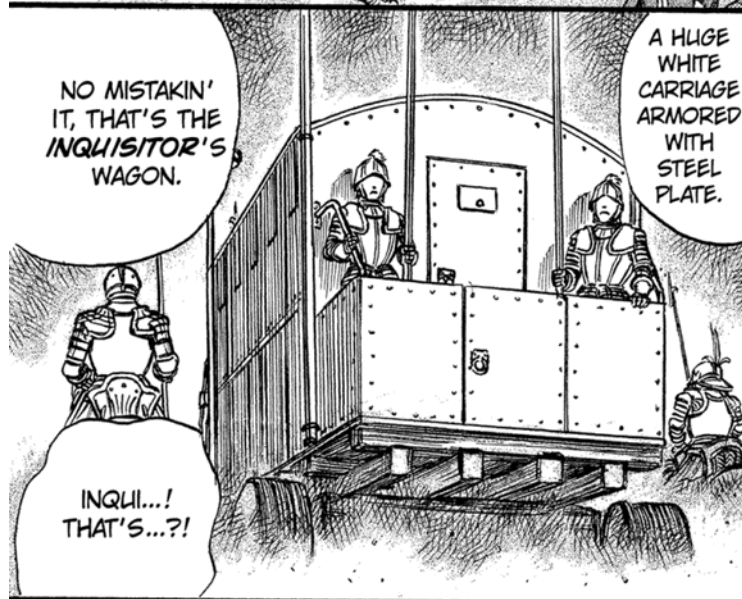
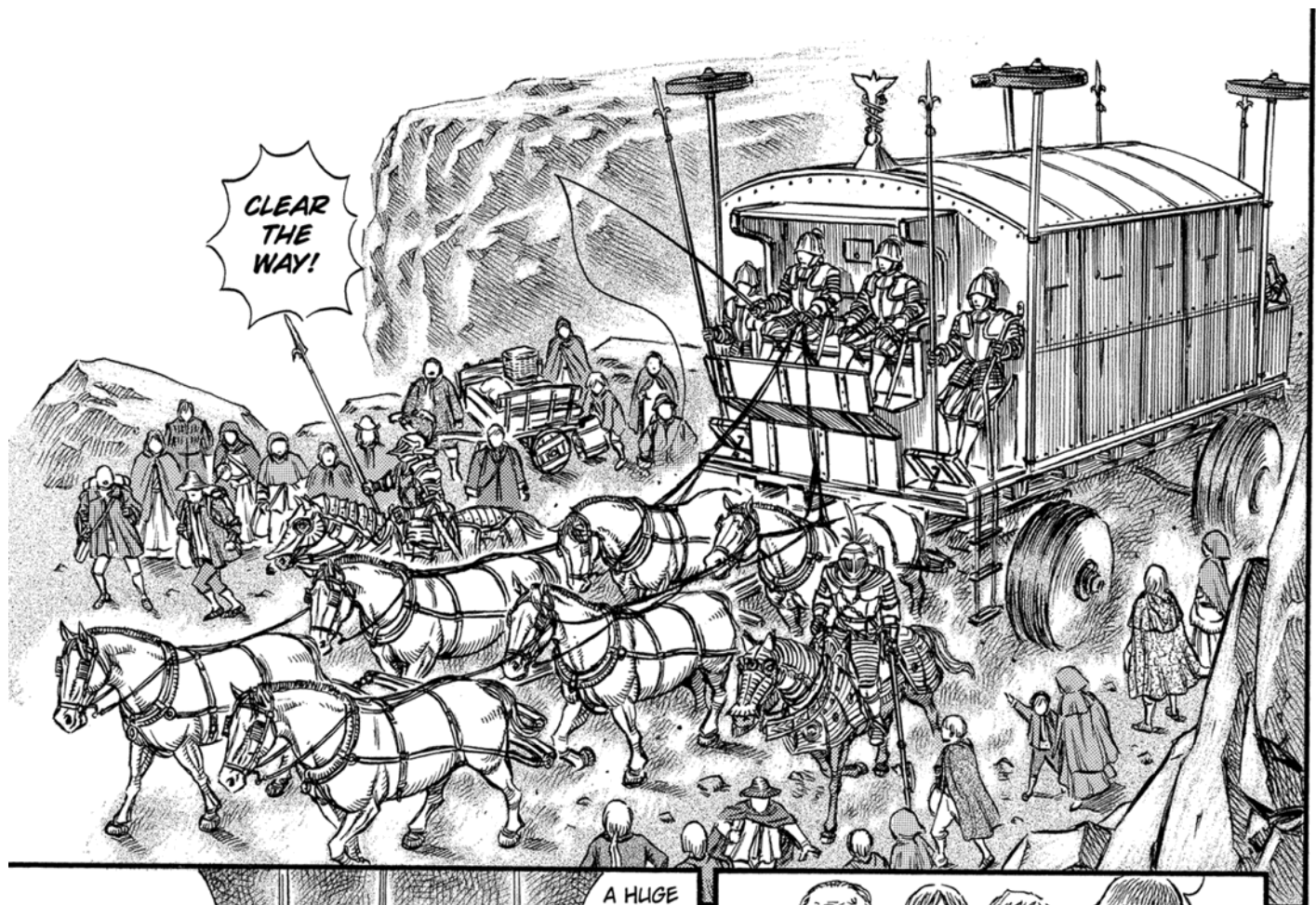
WHO
WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE TO
GUARD HIM?
IT WOULD BE
DISPIRITING
EVEN WERE
IT NOT LADY
FARNESE.

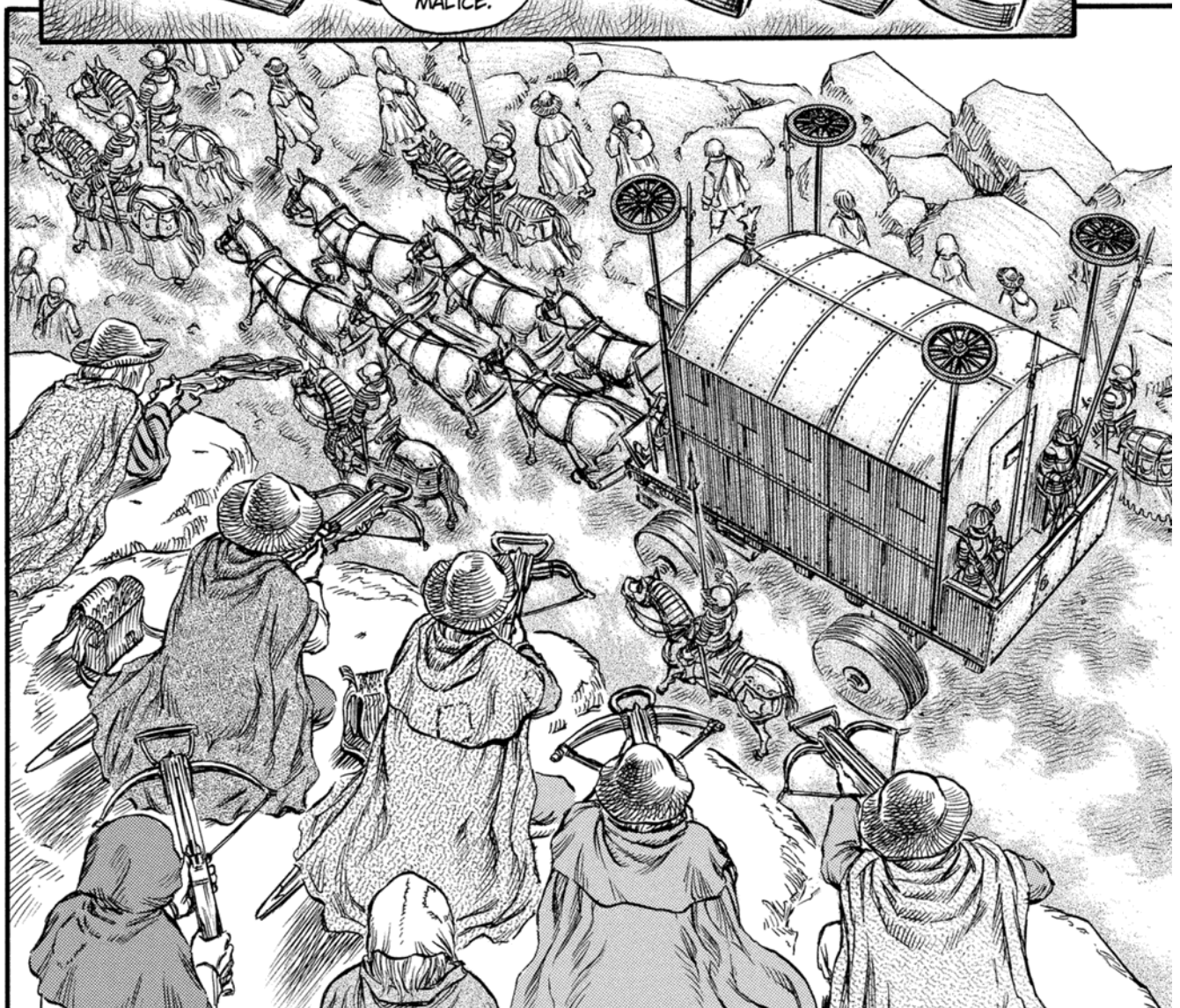
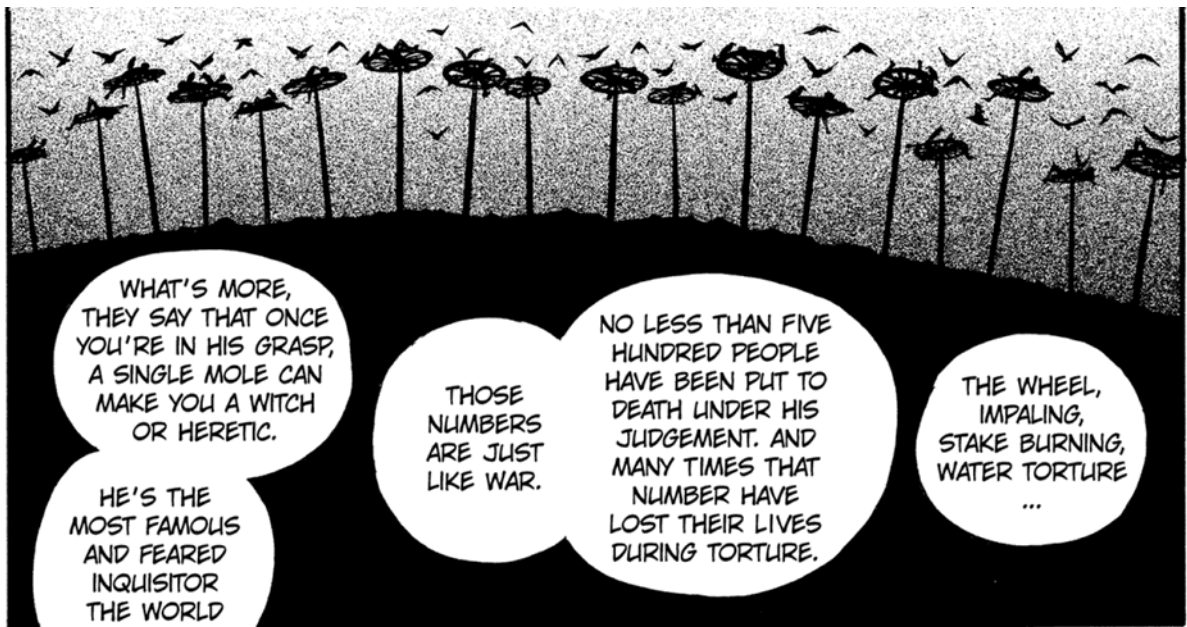
...BUT
STILL,
A NEW
MISSION.



LOOKS
LIKE IT IS
NOT JUST
RELEASE
FROM THAT
DUTY.

.....



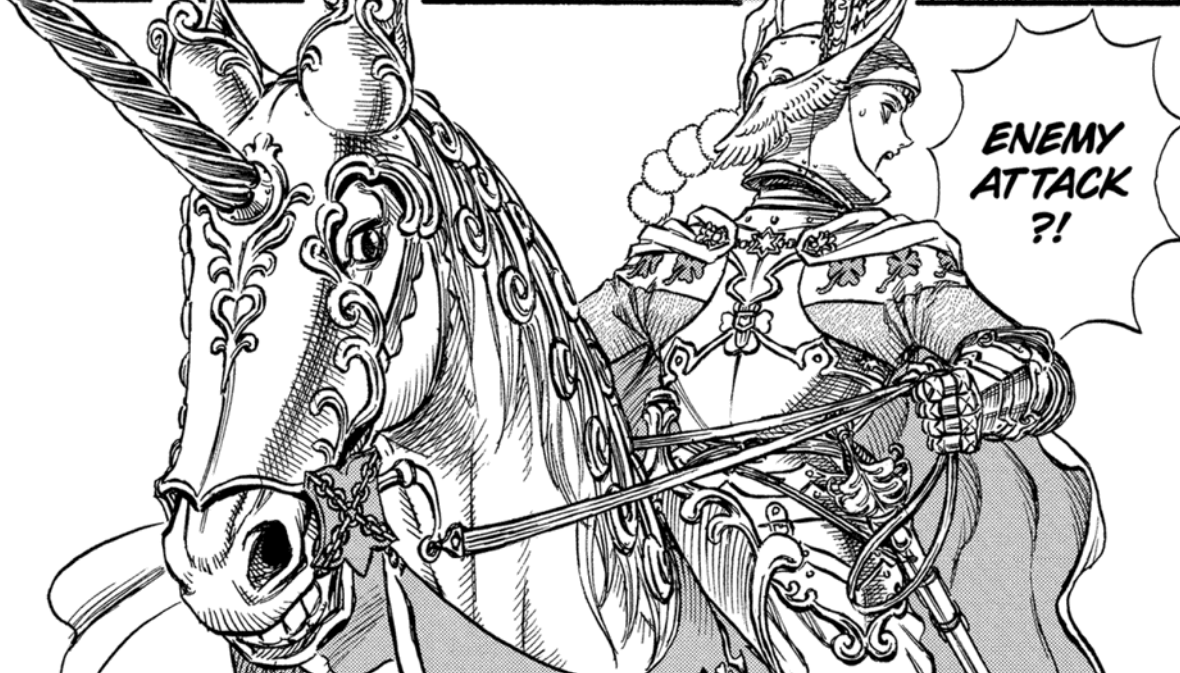




*FX: ZWSSSS



*FX: DANG KANG CHING



断罪篇 生誕祭の章 聖地へ②

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
TO HOLY GROUND, PART 2



DIIE,
MOZGUS
!!

MY
DAUGH-
TER!!

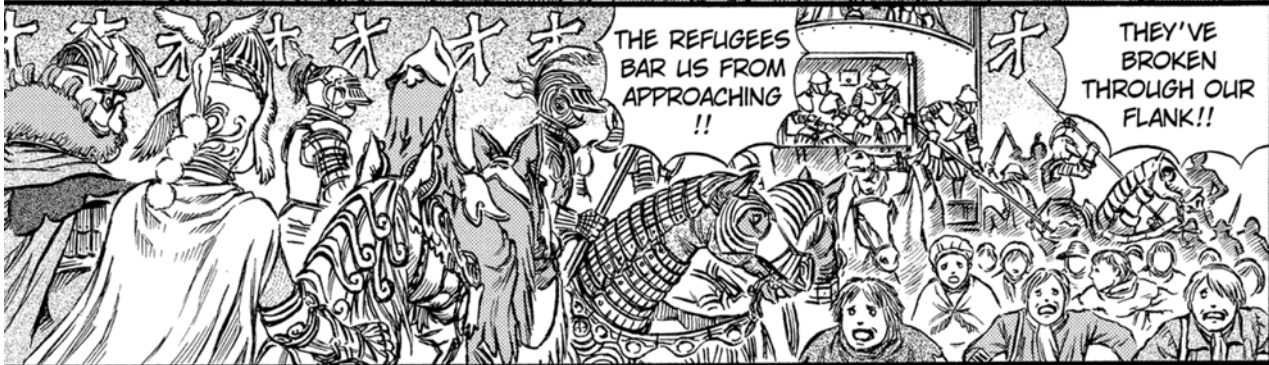
MY
SON...!!

THIS IS
FOR MY
MURDERED
FAMILY!!
YOU'LL
PAY!!

UOHhhh

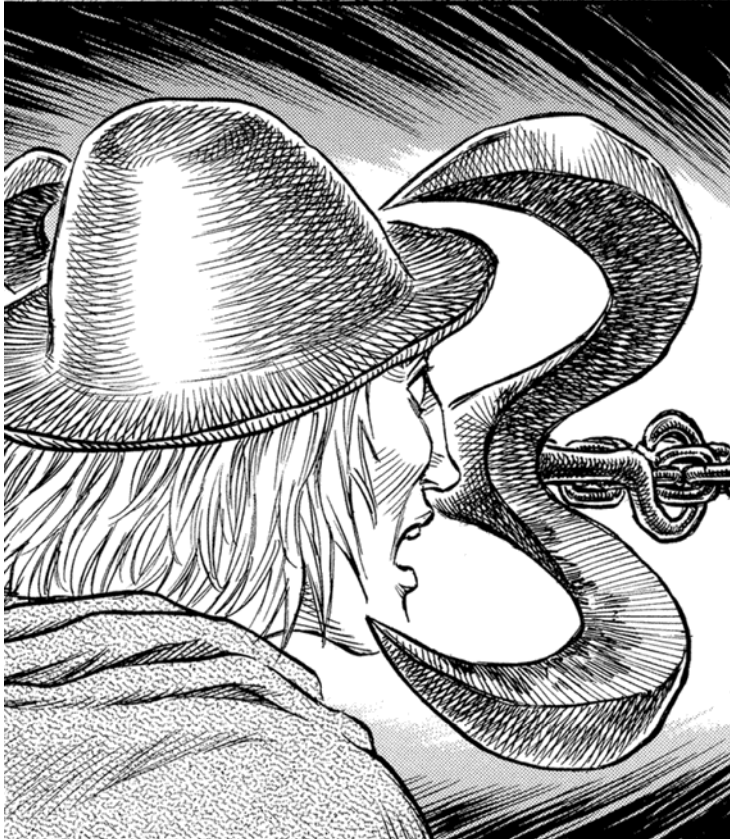


*RAHHHHH



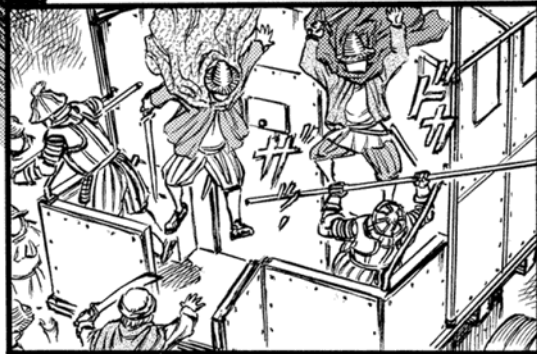
THE REFUGEES
BAR US FROM
APPROACHING
!!

THEY'VE
BROKEN
THROUGH OUR
FLANK!!



*FX: OHHHHHH

*FX: THUD THUMP



*FX: BTAM

MOZ-
GUS!!

GET
OUT
HERE
!!



*FX: DUSSH



*FX: SHNK



WHA--
WHAT
HAP-
PENED
?!



WHA--
WHAT
THE--?!

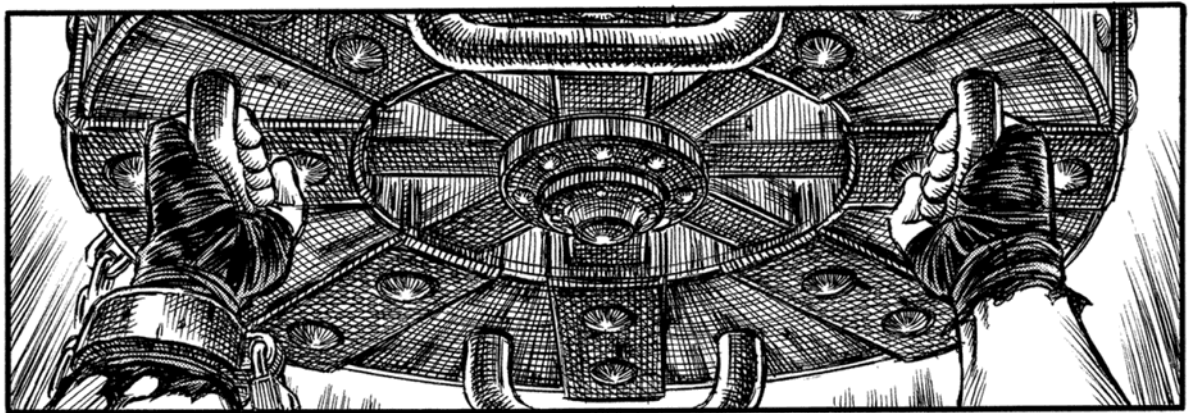
OH.

OH.





*FX: LOOM



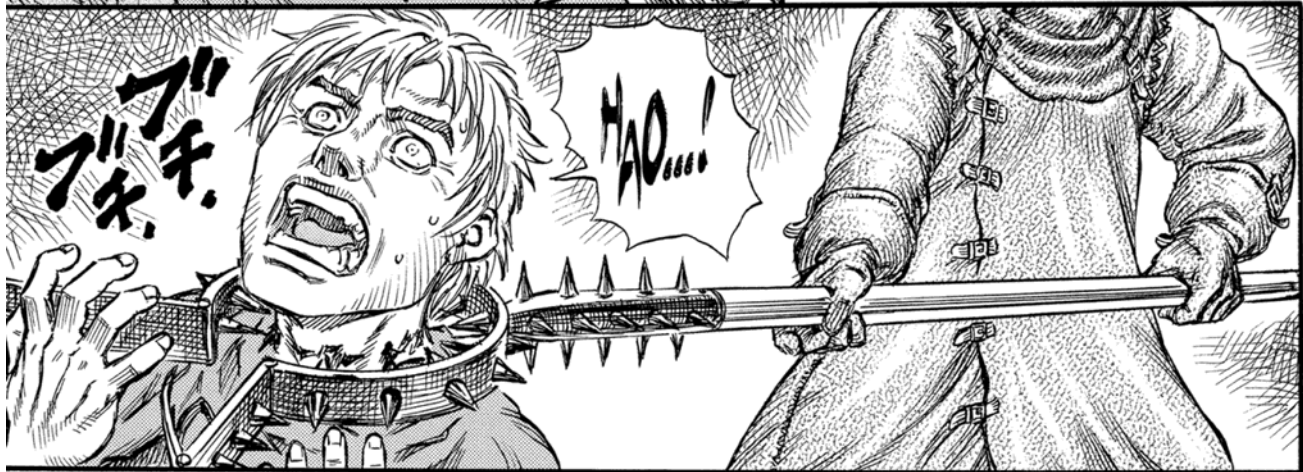
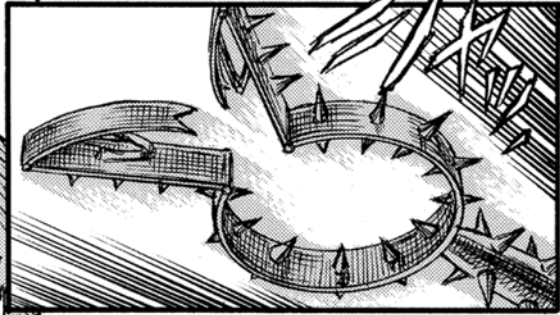
*FX: WHOMP



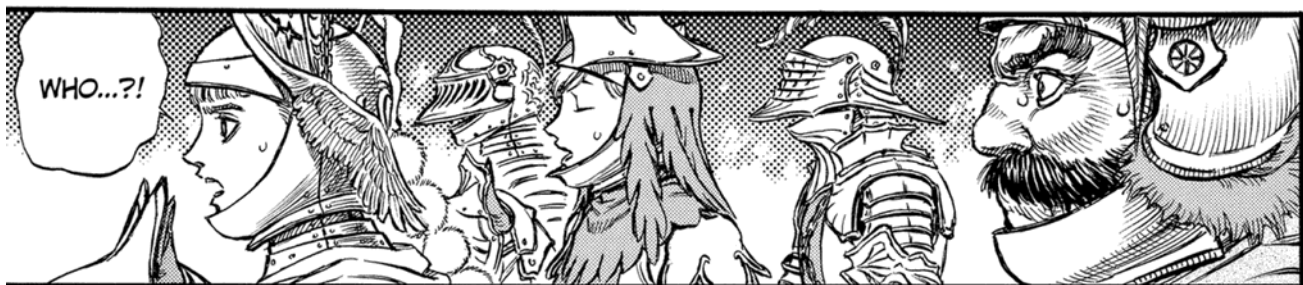
*BACHING



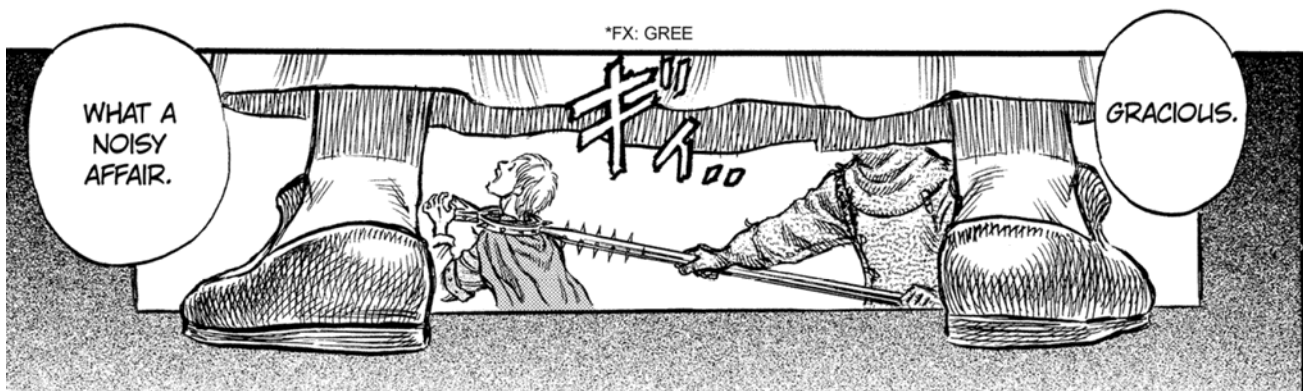
*FX: SHNK



*FX: BLCH BLCH

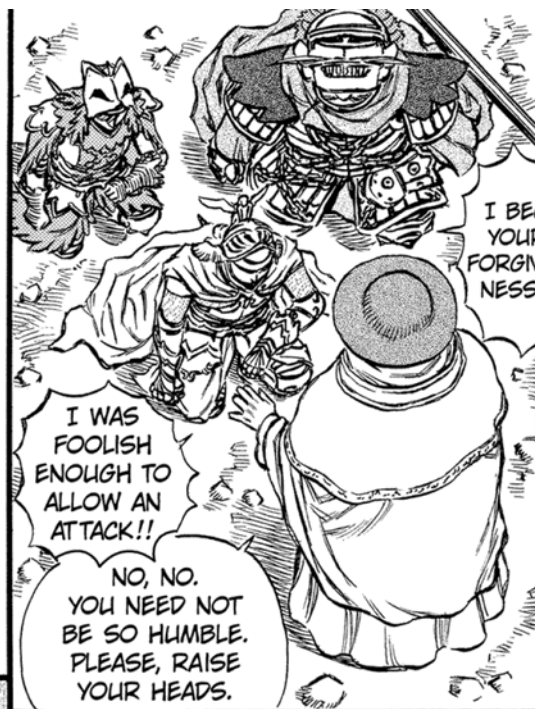


*FX: GREE









I BEG
YOUR
FORGIVE-
NESS!!

I WAS
FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO
ALLOW AN
ATTACK!!

NO, NO.
YOU NEED NOT
BE SO HUMBLE.
PLEASE, RAISE
YOUR HEADS.



FATHER
MOZGUS!!
ARE YOU
UNINJURED?!

MISS
FARNESE.



MORE IMPORTANTLY,
IT IS A BLESSING
THAT NONE FROM
THE HOLY SEE
BECAME CASUALTIES.
THAT IS GOD'S
DIVINE PROTECTION.

OUR HOLY
FATHER IS
MAGNANIMOUS
TOWARDS
HIS OWN.



...BUT FATHER
MOZGUS, WHO
ARE THESE?

AHH.



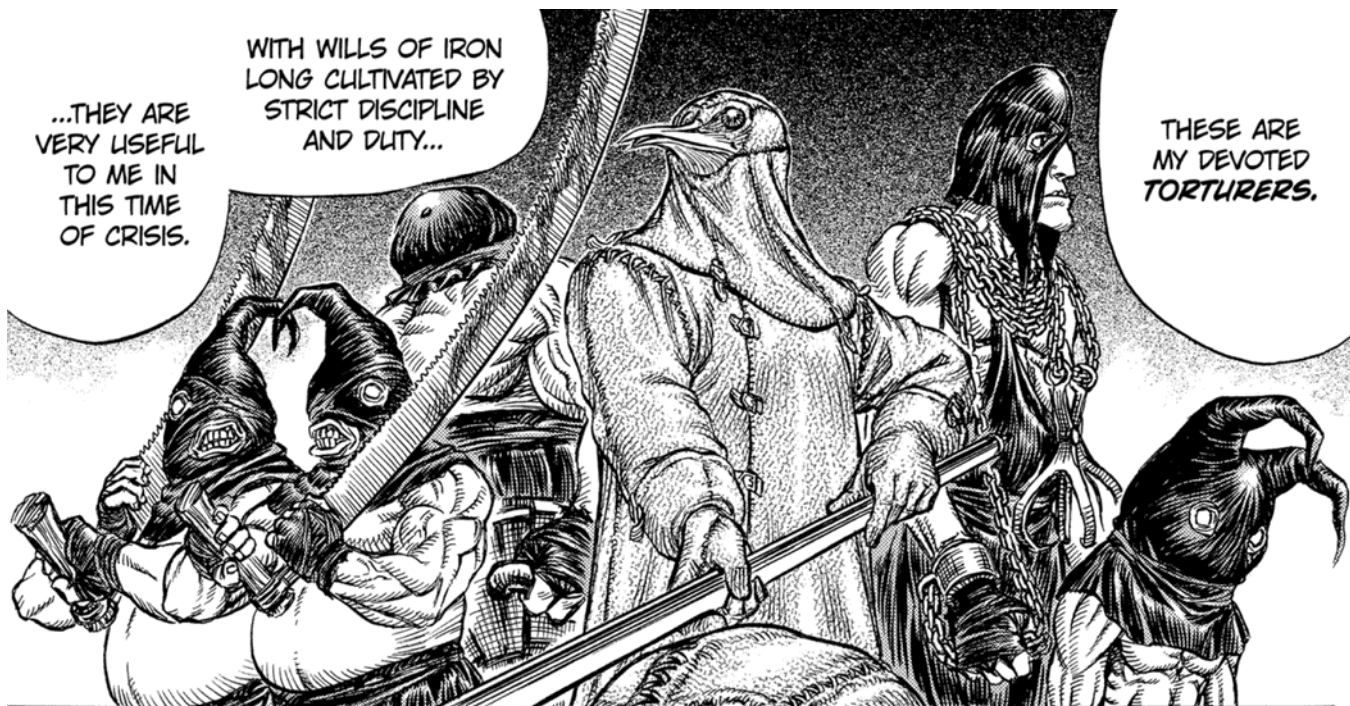
YOU ARE
MOST
GRACIOUS.

WE SHALL
ENDEAVOR
EARNESTLY
FROM
HERE ON.

...THEY ARE
VERY USEFUL
TO ME IN
THIS TIME
OF CRISIS.

WITH WILLS OF IRON
LONG CULTIVATED BY
STRICT DISCIPLINE
AND DUTY...

THESE ARE
MY DEVOTED
TORTURERS.



*FX: SSSS SSSS



NOW,
LINE THE
PARTY OF
ATTACKERS
UP HERE.

DAMMIT
!!

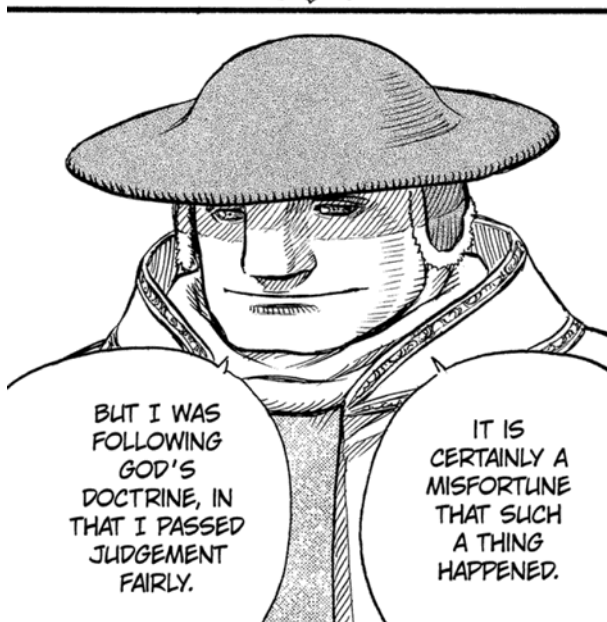
LEMME
GO!!



...SEEM THEY
MOST
RELIABLE.

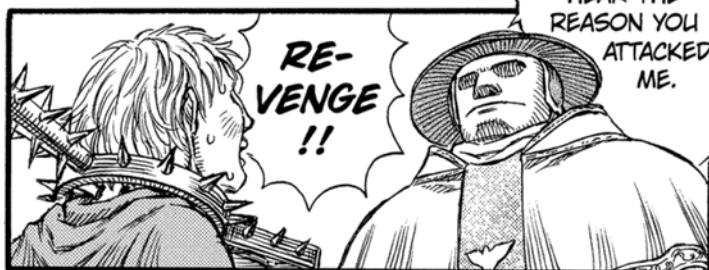
I LIKE
HIS
STYLE.

DUBIOUS...



BUT I WAS
FOLLOWING
GOD'S
DOCTRINE, IN
THAT I PASSED
JUDGEMENT
FAIRLY.

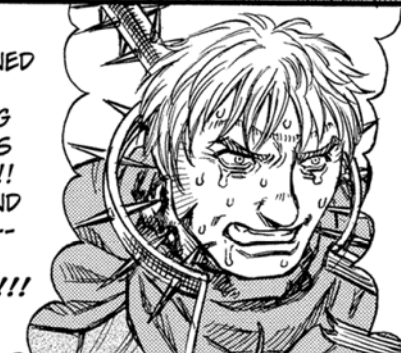
IT IS
CERTAINLY A
MISFORTUNE
THAT SUCH
A THING
HAPPENED.



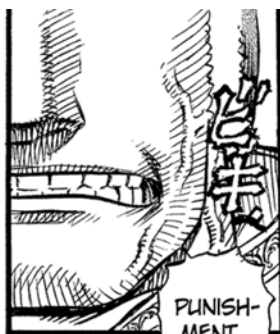
RE-
VENGE
!!

SO, I WOULD
HEAR THE
REASON YOU
ATTACKED
ME.

...YOU BURNED
ALL THE
REMAINING
VILLAGERS
TO DEATH!!
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN--
NO ONE
WAS LEFT!!!



YOU ACCUSED
OUR VILLAGE OF
BEING A REFUGE
FOR HERETICS,
AND WHILE THE
MEN WERE
WORKING AWAY
FROM HOME...



*FX: STRAIN

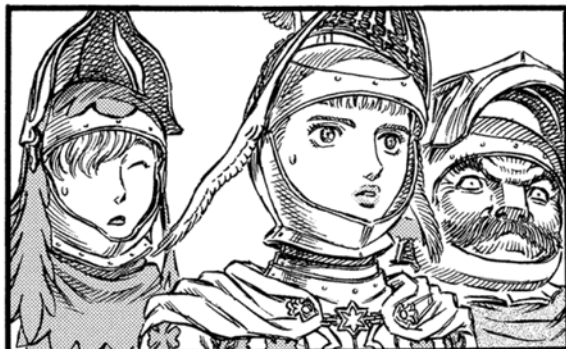
PUNISH-
MENT...



PUNISH-
MENT...



WHAT WAS *FAIR*
ABOUT IT?! ALL WE
DID WAS SUGGEST
THAT WE TEMPORARILY
SUSPEND OUR
OFFERINGS TO THE
CHURCH SINCE OUR
FOOD STORES HAD
HIT ROCK BOTTOM
FROM THE FAMINE!!

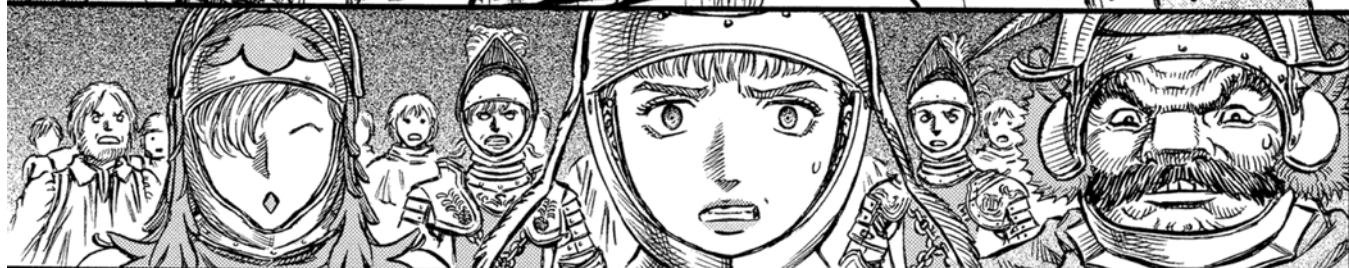


AND YOU
ARBITRARILY--
IT'S DIVINE
PUNISHMENT!!
GOD'S WRATH...
IS UPON YOU!!



YOU DARE
SPEAK OF
PUNISHMENT?!



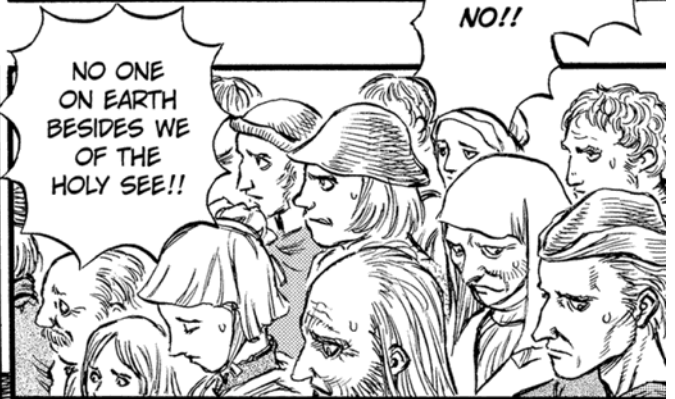




NONE OF YOU
HAVE **ANY** PLACE
PRESUMING TO
BE GOD'S
MOUTHPIECE!!

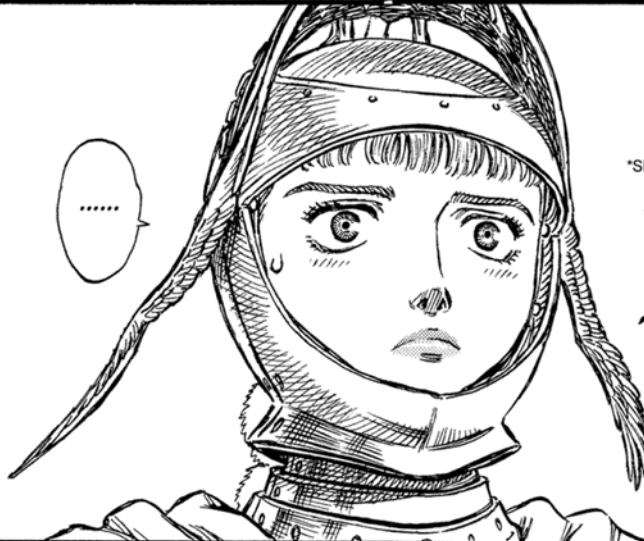


PEOPLE
SUCH AS
YOU ALL...



NO ONE
ON EARTH
BESIDES WE
OF THE
HOLY SEE!!

NO!!



.....

*SILENCE



...DOST
THOU
FEEL IS
APPROPRIATE
FOR THESE?

WHAT
MANNER
OF
ACTION...



AYE!

A...

MISS
FAR-
NESE.



...USUALLY
WARRANT
BURNING, OR
BREAKING ON
THE WHEEL.

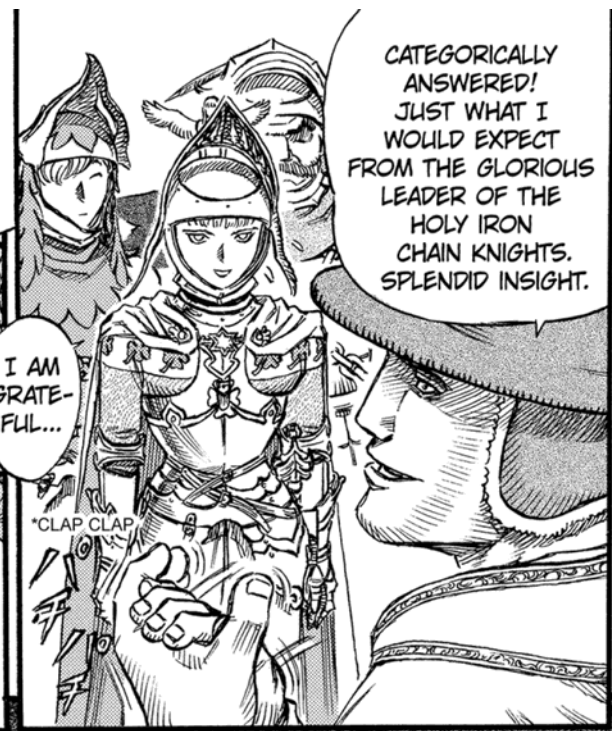


THOSE
WHO
WOULD
PLOT TO
MURDER A
PRIEST...



AND WE ARE
PRESSED FOR TIME
AND CANNOT WASTE IT
ON INVOLVEMENT
WITH THEM...

MOREOVER,
THEY ARE
FLAGRANT
DELICTORS.
THEY HAVE NO
DEFENSE.



CATEGORICALLY
ANSWERED!
JUST WHAT I
WOULD EXPECT
FROM THE GLORIOUS
LEADER OF THE
HOLY IRON
CHAIN KNIGHTS.
SPLENDID INSIGHT.

I AM
GRATE-
FUL...

*CLAP CLAP



*FX: SNAP

BY MY
AUTHORITY I
PASS SUMMARY
JUDGEMENT
UPON THEM
HERE.



ALL OF THE
ACCUSED ARE
CONDEMNED TO
DEATH BY THE
WHEEL.

THE
SENTENCE.

*ZSSH



FORGIVE
MEEE!!

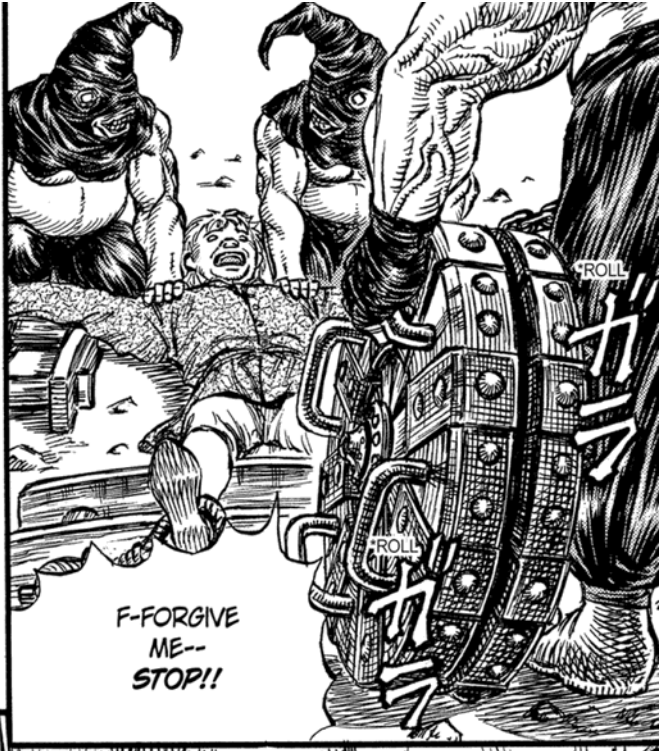
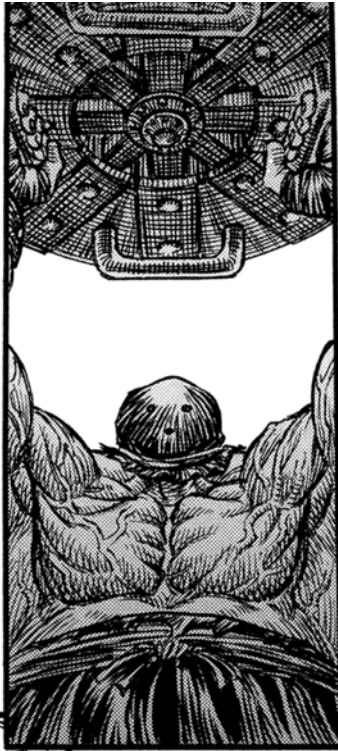
GO TO
HELL!!

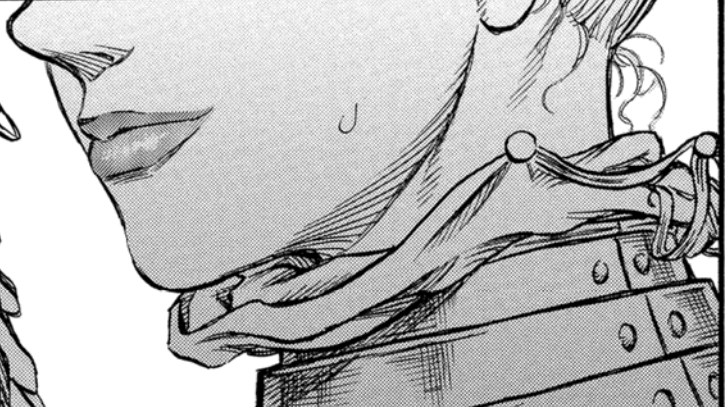
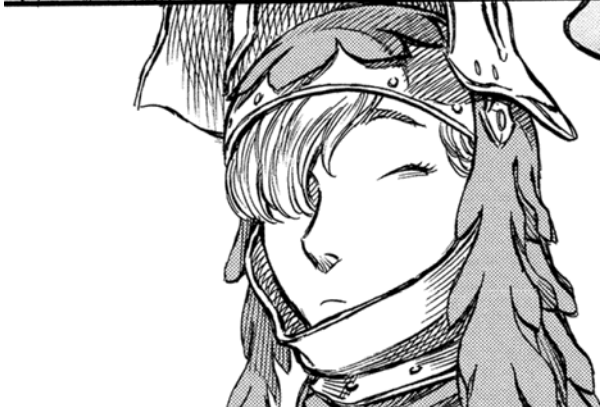
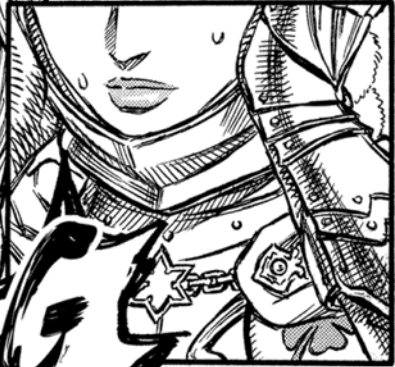


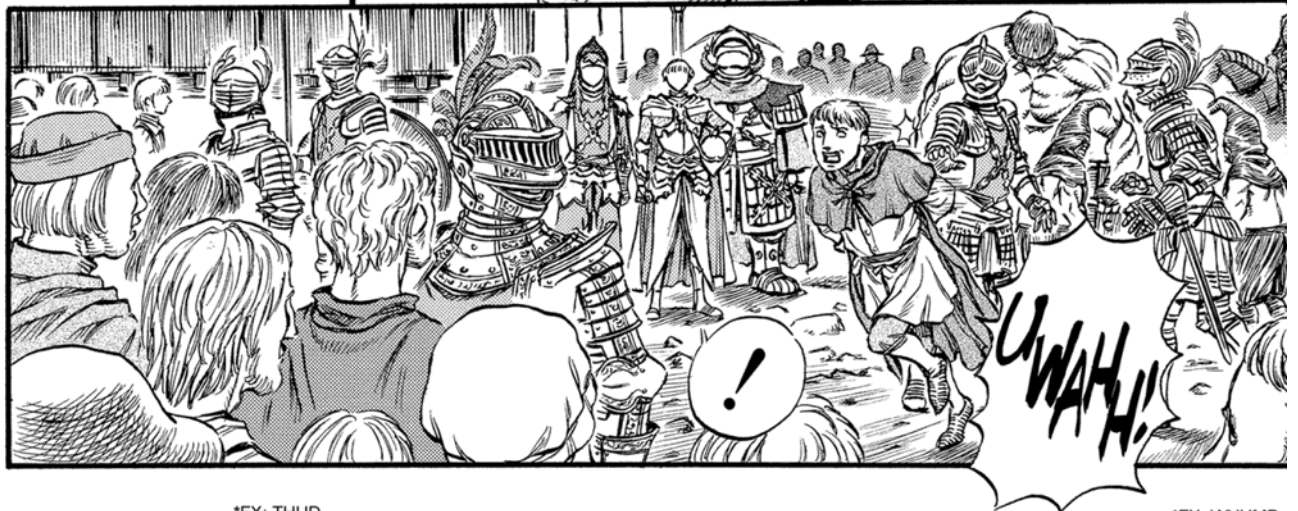
I'M
GONNA
KILL
YOU!!

N-NO!
H-HAVE
MERCY...!!

L-
LOAD OF
CRAP
!!



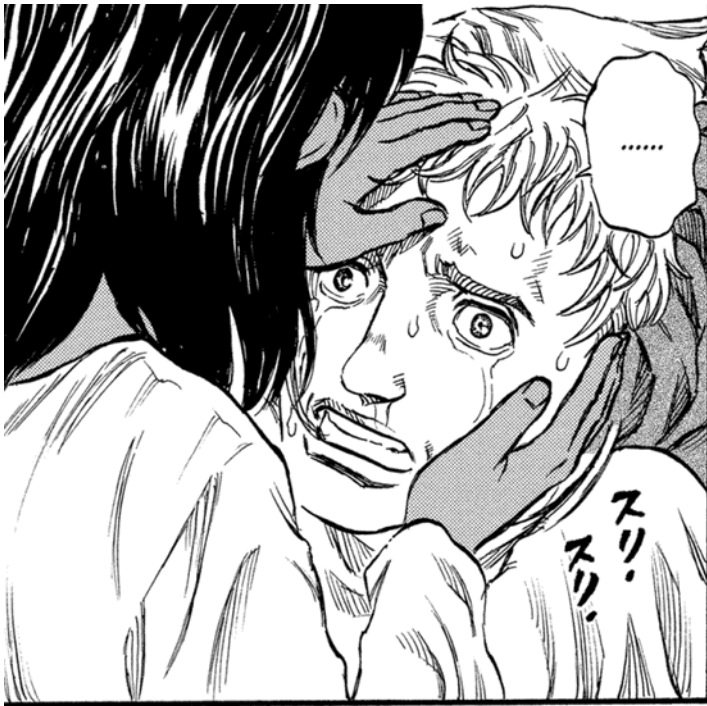




*FX: THUD

*FX: WHUMP



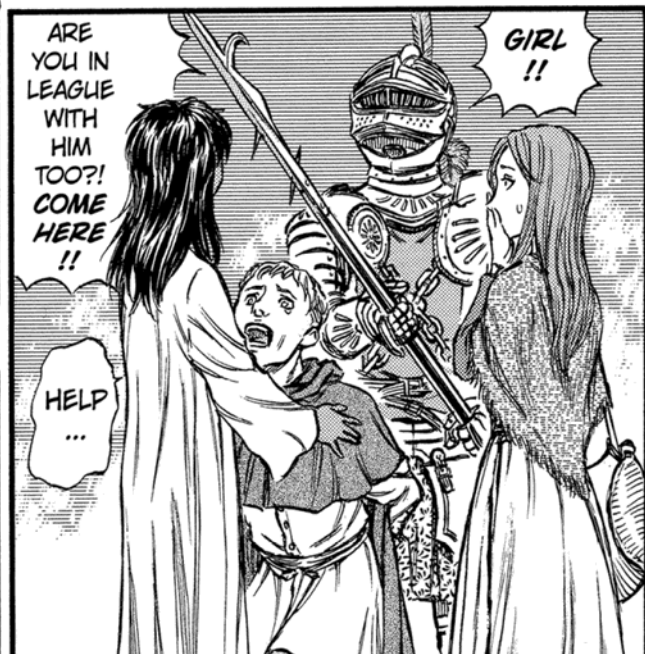
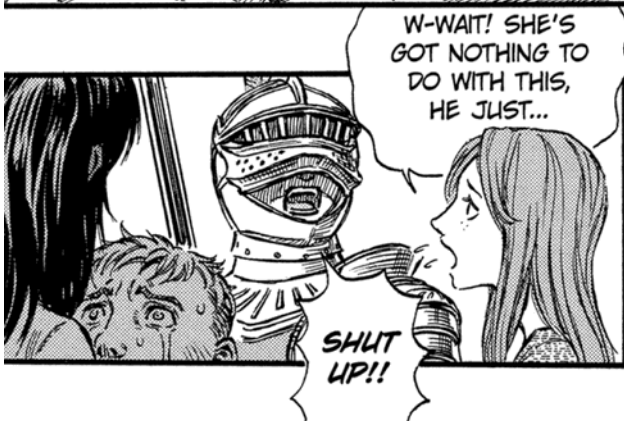


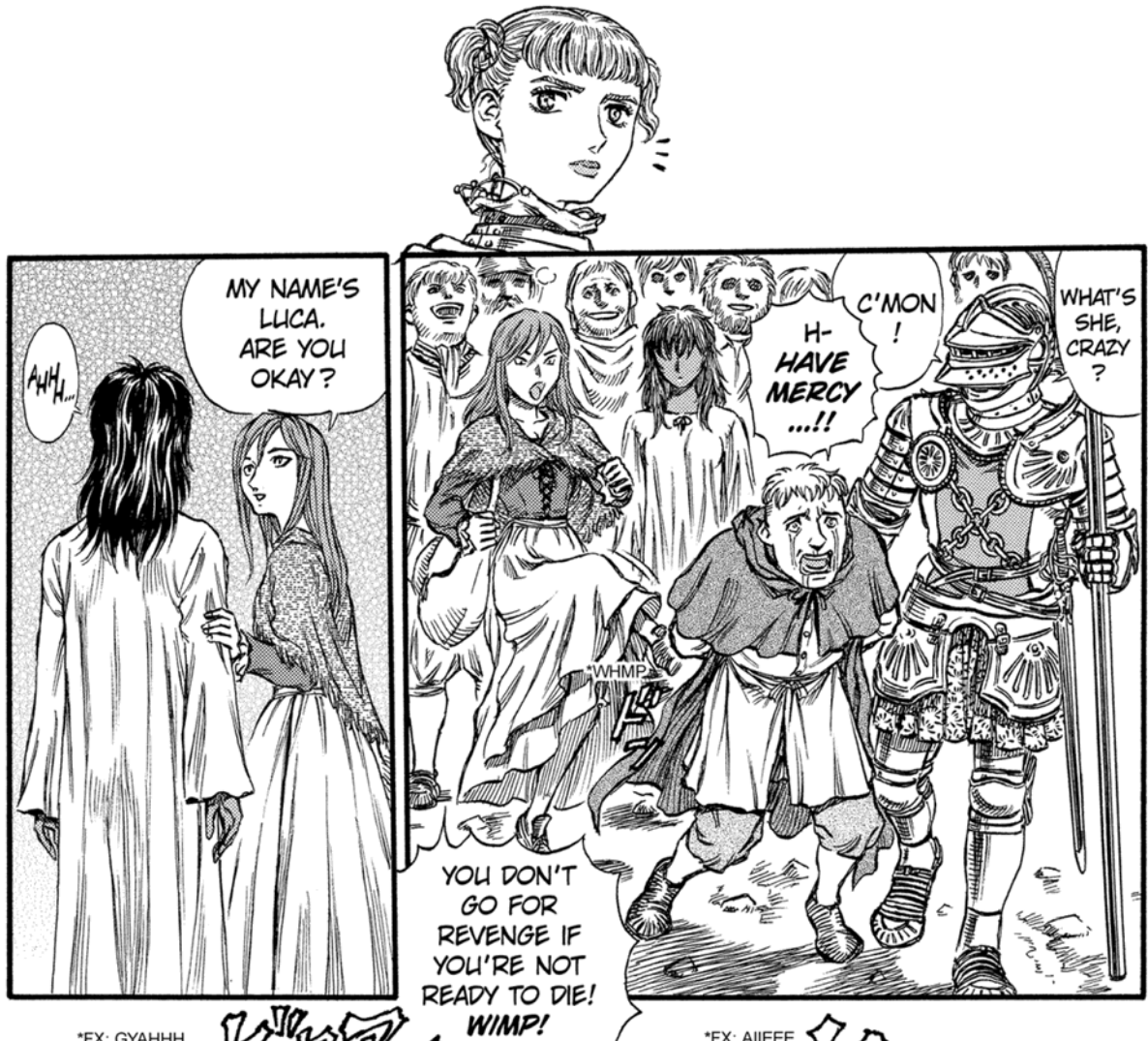
*FX: RUB RUB



*FX: PAT PAT

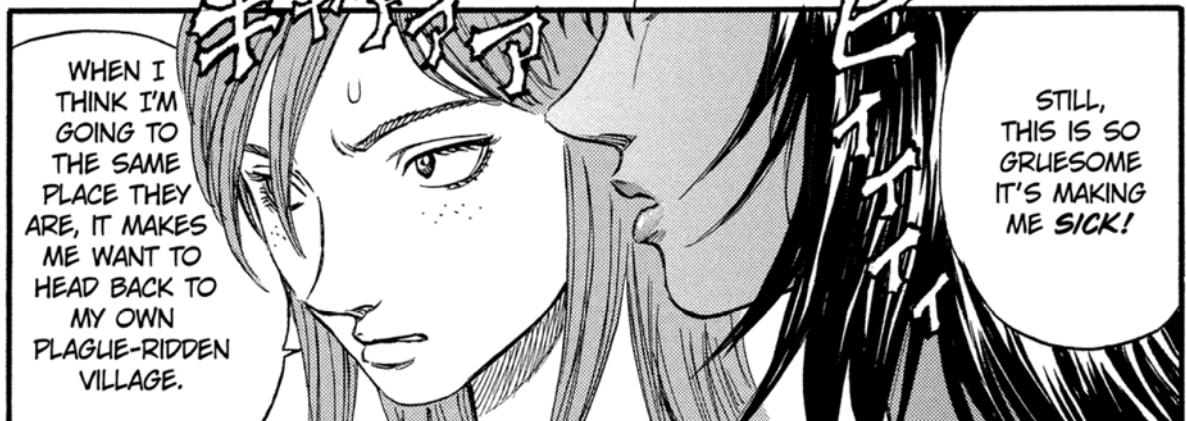
*FX: GCHAK





*FX: GYAHHH

*FX: AIIIEEE



*FX: GOHHH OHH OHHJ

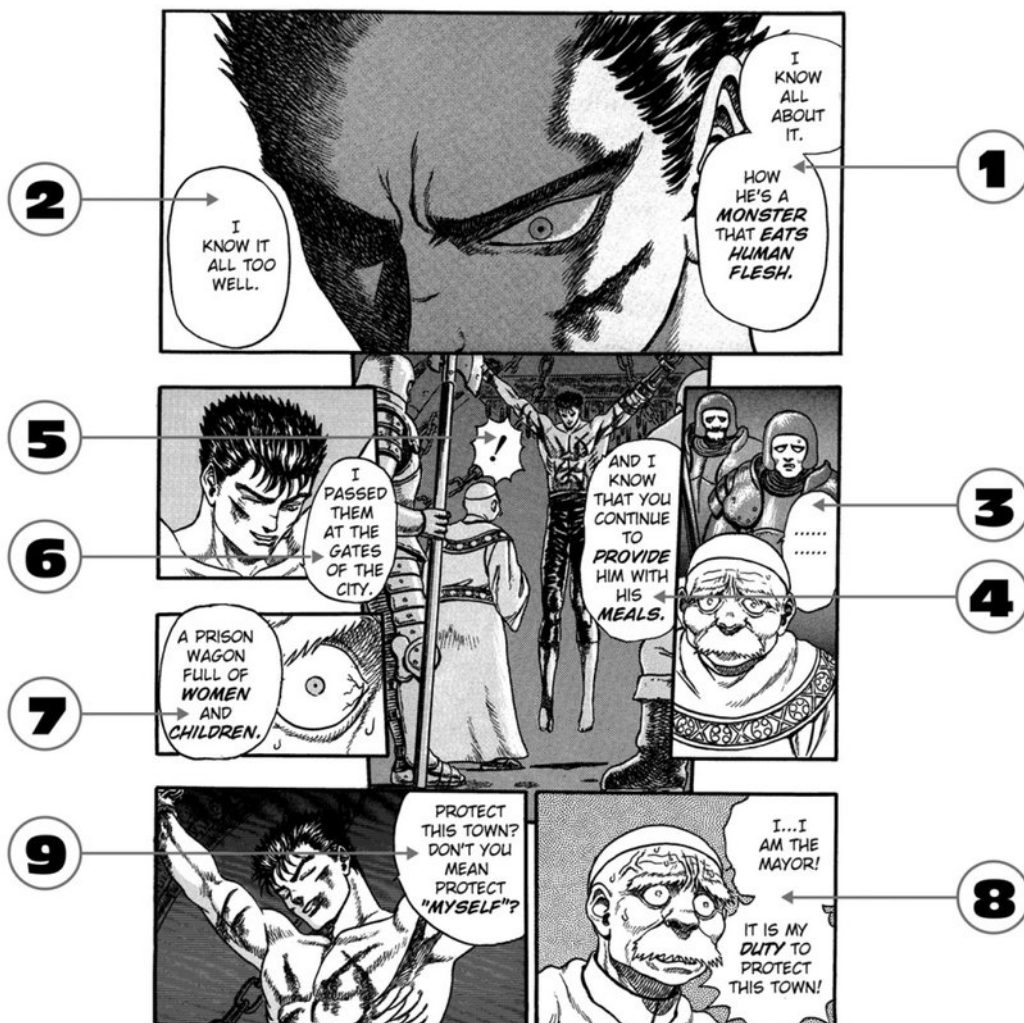




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This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

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Renegade devil-slayer Guts, the Black Swordsman, may be the bane of the demonic realm, but the citizenry of Midland, the kingdom he formerly served, aren't exactly members of his fan club, either. When the holier-than-thou Knights of the Holy Iron Chain capture Guts and decide to whip (literally) some repentance into him, Guts develops a few ideas of his own . . . like taking the Iron Chain's leader hostage and showing her that when Hell comes calling, the only thing worth praying for is a sword!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is an out-of-control manga flashfire, a searing epic of blazing action, blasphemous horror, and black humor that has left scorched earth and toasted readers in its fiery wake. Burn, baby, burn!

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